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Among manga artists, there are those who religiously obey their weekly deadlines, and there are those who scramble around at the last minute. The latter are manga jerks who narrowly avoid, by a few hours' margin, the risk of a notice reading, "So-and-so-Sensei's work will not be appearing in this week's issue due to illness." It's not something to be proud of, but, in the manga world, I'm probably among the top runners-up for the title of Most Despicable Manga Jerk.

Every week, when I've once again hit crunch time, I scream, "Time, please stop!!"

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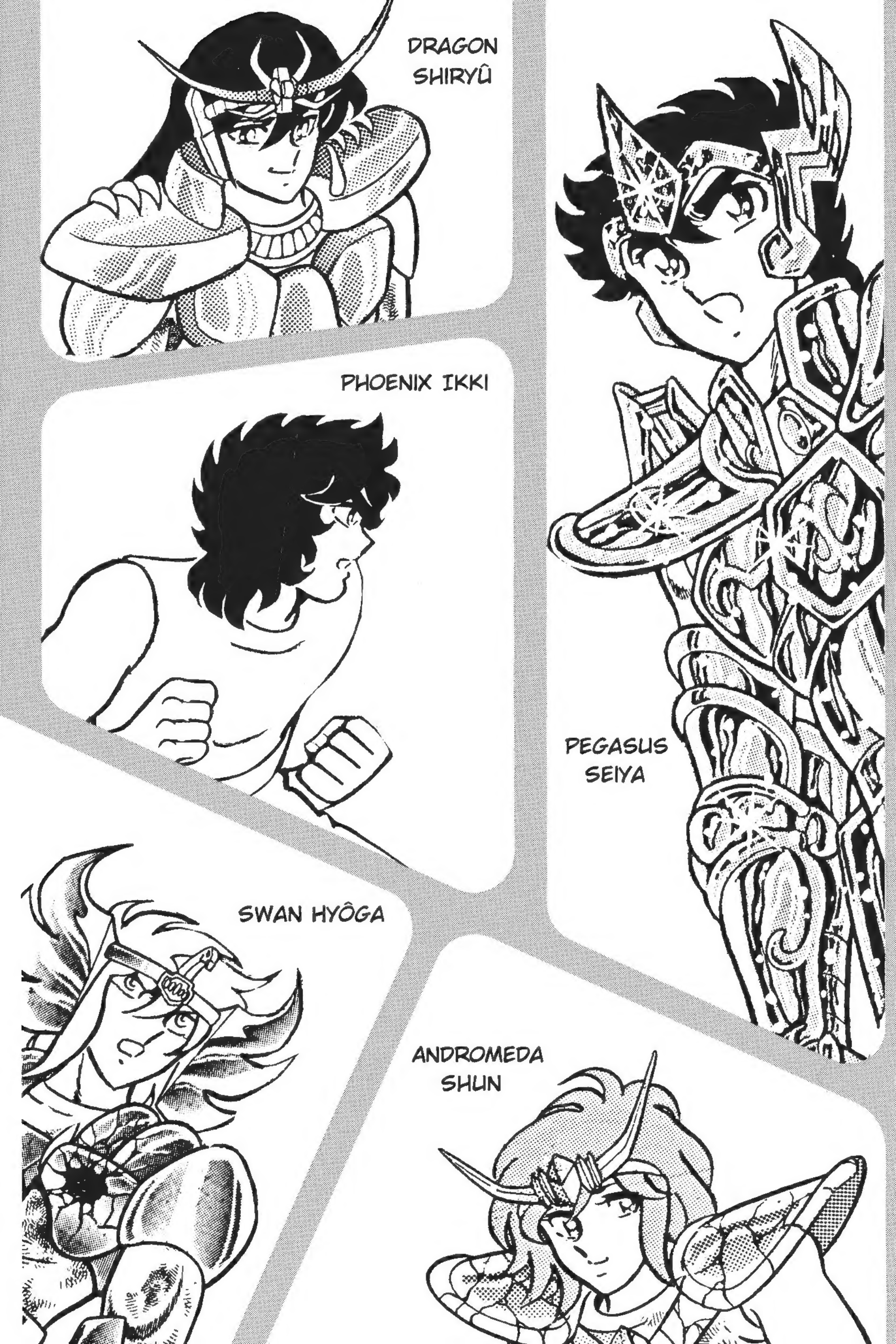
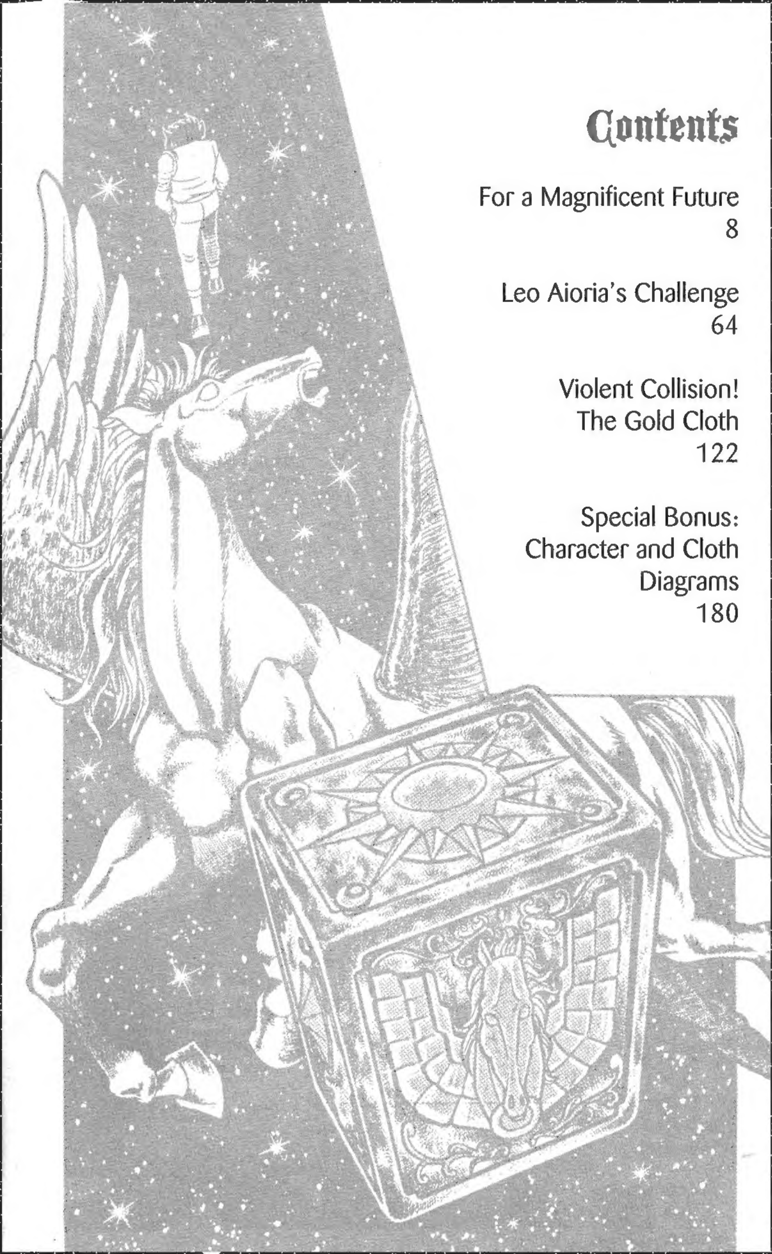

DRAGON
SHIRYÛ
PEGASUS
SEIYA
PHOENIX IKKI
SWAN HYÔGA
ANDROMEDA
SHUN

# THE STORY THUS FAR ...

LEGENDS SPEAK OF YOUNG MEN WHO PROTECTED THE GREEK GODDESS ATHENA. KNOWN AS ATHENA'S KNIGHTS, THEY WERE SAID TO WIELD PUNCHES THAT RENT THE SKY AND KICKS THAT SPLIT THE EARTH. FOLLOWING THEIR TRADITION, LORD NOBU OF THE GRANDE FOUNDATION SENT 100 ORPHANS OUT INTO THE WORLD TO TRAIN AS KNIGHTS. SIX YEARS LATER, THE ORPHANS WHO SURVIVED THE ORDEAL HAVE RETURNED TO JAPAN, CARRYING THE CLOTHS THAT ARE PROOF OF THEIR KNIGHTHOOD. LORD NOBU'S GRANDDAUGHTER, PRINCESS SIENNA, HAS ORGANIZED A TOURNAMENT OF THE KNIGHTS, BUT SOME KNIGHTS HAVE REBELLED...

HAVING FINALLY RETRIEVED THE STOLEN GOLD CLOTH, THE BRONZE KNIGHTS -- SEIYA, HYÔGA, SHIRYÛ AND SHUN -- RETURN TO PRINCESS SIENNA'S TOURNAMENT, ONLY TO FIND EVERYTHING IN RUINS. SIENNA IS WAITING THERE FOR THEM. SHE TELLS THE KNIGHTS THAT SHE IS THE INCARNATION OF THE GODDESS ATHENA, AND THAT THE BRONZE KNIGHTS WERE RAISED BY LORD NOBU TO AID AND PROTECT HER. SHE INVITES THE KNIGHTS TO JOIN HER REBELLION AGAINST SANCTUARY, THE HEADQUARTERS OF ALL KNIGHTHOOD. SEIYA REFUSES, BUT THE OTHER KNIGHTS REMIND HIM OF A MESSAGE LEFT BY MARIN, THE SILVER KNIGHT WHO MAY BE SEIYA'S LONG-LOST SISTER... A MESSAGE THAT READS, "SEIYA, PROTECT ATHENA." BEFORE SEIYA CAN MAKE A DECISION, SIENNA IS ABDUCTED BY SILVER KNIGHTS SENT BY SANCTUARY. AS THE BRONZE KNIGHTS FIGHT TO RESCUE HER, IKKI, THE TROUBLED PHOENIX KNIGHT, UNEXPECTEDLY JOINS THE BATTLE...



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WOOOOO
FOR A MAGNIFICENT FUTURE!

KRASH
YOU'RE THE PERSEUS KNIGHT, ARGOL, RIGHT? MY NEXT VICTIM?
I EXPECTED A SILVER KNIGHT TO BE A LOT STRONGER.
HEH... WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!
WHOO
!

SHLUKX
FWOOOOSH
IKKI!
SPLAK
WUP WUP WUP

tdnk
KLAK
SO YOU'RE ALIVE AFTER ALL, CAPELLA.
OF COURSE I AM! I LET MY GUARD DOWN, AND SUFFERED A MILD CONCUSSION BECAUSE OF IT ...
FOOL. THAT'LL TEACH YOU SOME HUMILITY ...
...BUT, THOUGH HE WAS STRONG FOR A BRONZE, THAT BOY WAS NEVER A MATCH FOR ME.
YOU BRONZES TANGLE WITH THE AURIGA CHARIOTEER, CAPELLA, AND HE'LL TAKE YOUR HEAD JUST LIKE THAT.

HUH?!
IKKI'S HEADLESS CORPSE IS COMING TOWARD US!!
FWASH
IMPOSSIBLE! HOW...
HAVE ANOTHER TASTE OF MY FLYING SAUCER!

SPLAT
WHAT ?!
WIP

AAGH!!
NO! WHY WOULD MY OWN SAUCER CHOP OFF MY ARM?!
FWOOM
NO! NOT AGAIN!
GRAGH!!

WHY? MY SAUCER TURNED ON ME LIKE A MAD DOG!!
Whoosh
HUNDREDS OF THEM!!
SHLUK
Krash
KRINK
Klunk

TH-THIS CAN'T BE! DONE IN BY MY OWN FLYING SAUCER...
IT MUST BE AN ILLUSION, IT MUST BE...
HEH! THIS ISN'T A PALTRY ILLUSION.
THAT FIRST PUNCH YOU TOOK WAS NO ORDINARY BLOW.
IT WAS THE PHOENIX'S PHANTOM DEMON PUNCH!
YOUR PSYCHE WAS SHATTERED THE MOMENT IT HIT YOU!

SHLUKK
YOU'RE NOW A LIVING CORPSE, A LOST SOUL DROWNING IN THE RIVER STYX!
N-NO... THEN...THIS WHOLE BATTLE WAS...AN ILLUSION...
YES... BUT YOUR END WILL BE REAL ENOUGH...
YOUR FLYING SAUCER IS RETURNING.
SHOOOM
UWAAAAH!!

HUH?
WHAT?!
Ghank
Shooooooo

WHAT DID YOU DO TO CAPELLA? HE THREW HIS SAUCER AT YOU, THEN HE STOOD THERE LIKE A DROOLING IMBECILE UNTIL IT SANK INTO THE GROUND AT HIS FEET!
HEH...
IT ONLY TOOK A FEW SECONDS FOR THE SAUCER TO COMPLETE ITS JOURNEY...
...BUT IN THAT TIME, CAPELLA HAD A MIND-SHATTERING VISION.
TINK

INCREDIBLE! HE SHATTERED CAPELLA'S CLOTH!
ANY ONE OF YOU WHO FIGHTS ME WILL END UP LIKE THAT!
DO YOU STILL DARE TO FACE ME, ARGOL?!

CHAAKING
HEH. I SHOULD WARN YOU -- I'M NOT LIKE THE OTHERS.
SO I GATHER. THE COSMO EMANATING FROM YOU IS MUCH MORE POWERFUL.
KRANG
KRK

WHAT?!
MY DEAR ARGOL, LEAVE THIS TO ME!
DANTE!!
ANOTHER MIRACULOUS RETURN FROM THE DEAD. SO WHAT?
THIS TIME, I'LL FINISH YOU FOR SURE, IKKI.
CHAN
WE SILVERS HAVE BEEN DISGRACED. I, DANTE, WILL DEFEAT THIS BRONZE, WHATEVER IT TAKES!

FEEL THE FURY OF THE BRONZE BALL AND CHAIN !!
WHAT?!
WHOSE CHAIN IS THAT?!
UNH!
IT'S...!!

SHUN!!
CHANK
ANOTHER BRONZE KNIGHT!
BUT ONE MORE BRONZE CAN'T TURN THE TIDE!
B-BIG BROTHER...

THEN MAYBE THREE CAN!!

CHAK
HA-- LOOK WHAT CRAWLED OUT FROM UNDER THE ROCKS! MY HEROES!
UNH!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, IKKI?!
KRUNCH
WHERE I GO IS MY BUSINESS.
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF FIGHTING AT YOUR SIDE.
THERE'S NO IKKI IN "TEAM!"

WAIT, SHIRYÛ.
WHAT?!
THERE ARE ONLY TWO OF THEM, EH?
ANYWAY, THE THREE OF YOU TOGETHER SHOULD BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THESE SILVERS.
CHAN
IKKI, THE ARM THAT I FROZE UNDER MOUNT FUJI WILL EVENTUALLY FALL OFF AT THE ELBOW.
BIG BROTHER!
IF YOU DO THAT, YOUR ARM SHOULD RECOVER.
STAND IN THE VOLCANIC FUMES OF CANON ISLAND IN THE MEDITERRANEAN FOR SEVEN DAYS AND SEVEN NIGHTS.
HMMM, PERHAPS I SHOULD THANK YOU... HEH...

CHANK
RUNNING AWAY, IKKI? OUR BATTLE ISN'T OVER YET!
UNH!
WH-WHAT ?!
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU, BUT I'M YOUR OPPONENT NOW.
DON'T BE STUPID! I'LL SLAUGHTER YOU ALL!
OR YOU COULD STOP THIS SENSELESS VIOLENCE AND RETURN TO SANCTUARY ...

I'M ALL RIGHT, BUT SEIYA ISN'T...
ARE YOU HURT, PRINCESS ?
SEIYA!
KLLANK
AND THE BLOW TO HIS HEAD MAY HAVE DAMAGED HIS OPTIC NERVES.
HMM... THIS IS PRETTY BAD. NOT ONLY IS HE COVERED WITH BRUISES, HIS SKULL AND HIS RIGHT ARM ARE FRACTURED.
LOSE HIS SIGHT !!?
...SEIYA COULD LOSE HIS SIGHT.
IF HE ISN'T TREATED IMMEDIATELY ...
WHAT?
WHAT?!

KLANK
LET'S HURRY. HYÔGA, I'M LEAVING THE PRINCESS IN YOUR HANDS.
ALL RIGHT.
KRUNCH
...
OH, THERE WAS ONE MORE SILVER, WASN'T THERE? YOU PROBABLY WANT TO FIGHT...
...BUT OUT-NUMBER YOU.
HEH... DON'T WORRY. ONE ENEMY OR FIVE HUNDRED -- IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO ARGOL, THE PERSEUS KNIGHT.
ANY WHO STAND BEFORE ME WILL BE PETRIFIED.

READ THIS WAY
TAKE THIS, ANDROMEDA!
HAH!
WH- WHAT?!
IMPOSSIBLE! HIS CHAINS SHATTERED THE CHAINS OF CERBERUS!
DON'T BE SURPRISED. YOUR BRONZE CHAINS WERE MERELY DESIGNED TO HOLD THE HOUND OF HADES!
THEY'RE TINSEL NEXT TO MY ANDROMEDA CHAINS, MUCH LESS...

...THE NEBULA CHAIN !!

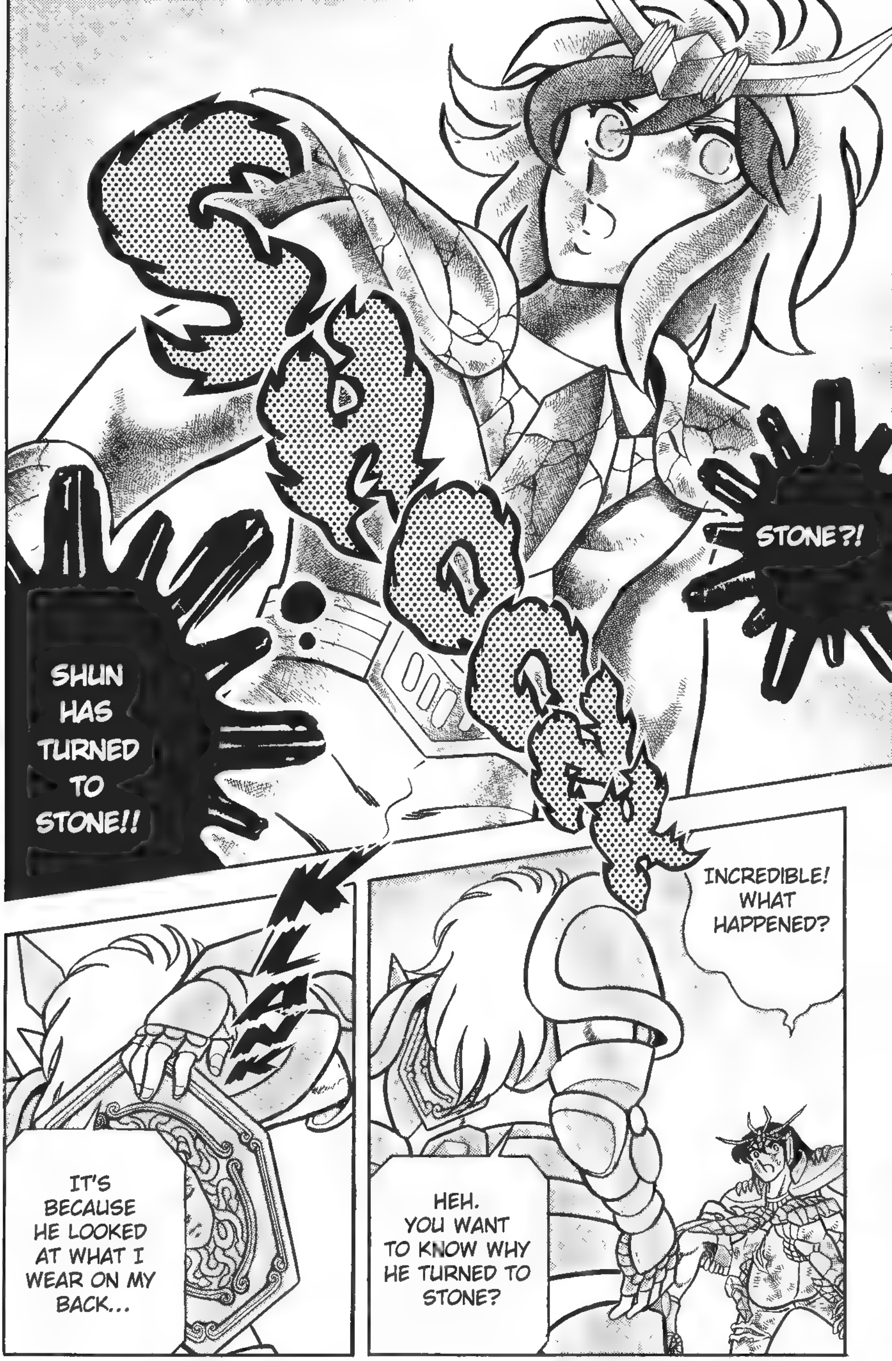
WHAM
AAAAGH!
SHIRYÛ, HOW'S SEIYA?!
!

OM
SHUN, THIS SILVER WON'T LET US PASS.
AND SEIYA'S EYES REQUIRE IMMEDIATE TREATMENT.
WHAT? SEIYA'S EYES?!
THEN HURRY ON, SHIRYŪ!
I'LL DEAL WITH THIS KNIGHT!! YOU HELP SEIYA!!
GOOD LUCK, SHUN!
WHOA, THERE.

TA-DO
KLANG
STOP! YOU HAVE TO FACE ME, SILVER KNIGHT!
HA! YOU THINK YOU CAN STOP ME?
KLLANK
IF YOU WON'T FIGHT ME VOLUN-TARILY, I'LL MAKE YOU!
FWASH

WH- WHAT?!
SKREECH
NO! THE CHAINS HAVE LOST THEIR KINETIC POWER! IT'S AS IF THEIR SOULS SUDDENLY DESERTED THEM...
HEH...
WH-WHAT'S THAT ON THE KNIGHT'S BACK?
YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW, ANDROMEDA? I'LL GLADLY SHOW YOU!
OPEN YOUR EYES WIDE AND GET A GOOD LOOK!!

OH...
AAGH...
UNH!
FWASH
AAGH!
WHAT IS THIS?!
WH-WHAT ?!


STONE?!
SHUN HAS TURNED TO STONE!!
INCREDIBLE! WHAT HAPPENED?
HEH. YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY HE TURNED TO STONE?
IT'S BECAUSE HE LOOKED AT WHAT I WEAR ON MY BACK...

THE MEDUSA SHIELD!!
THE... MEDUSA SHIELD?
THAT SHIELD TURNED SHUN TO STONE?
SHEEEN
NO...
IT CAN'T BE...
KREEK
NOW LOOK UPON MEDUSA!!
YOU WILL ALL BE TURNED TO STONE AS WELL!!
UNH! DON'T LOOK, HYÔGA!
DON'T LOOK AT THAT SHIELD!!
WHAT?!

FWASH
KLANK
gasp
TUMP
UNH!

SHOOONK
HEH HEH HEH... NO ONE HAS EVER LOOKED UPON THE MEDUSA SHIELD AND SURVIVED!
TMP
JUST AS I FEARED-- IT'S THE LEGENDARY MEDUSA SHIELD,
IF ONLY I'D REALIZED IT SOONER ...
WH- WHAT?!
YOU'RE--
THEY'VE ALL TURNED TO STONE AND THEIR SOULS HAVE FLED!

TA-DOOM
SHIRYÛ !!
HOW DID YOU...
HA! I AVERTED MY EYES JUST IN TIME.
AND I SHIELDED MYSELF WITH THE DRAGON SHIELD.
IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY, THE HERO PERSEUS CUT OFF THE HEAD OF SNAKE-HAIRED MEDUSA, A GORGON WITH A PETRIFYING GAZE.
IT IS SAID THAT, WITH MEDUSA'S SEVERED HEAD, PERSEUS DESTROYED A TERRIBLE SEA MONSTER...

NOW THE PERSEUS KNIGHT HAS TRANSFORMED MEDUSA'S HEAD INTO A SHIELD AND HARNESSED HER PETRIFYING POWER.
ROSHI WARNED ME OF THIS ONCE.
ROSHI? SO YOU'RE A DISCIPLE OF THE FAMED ROSHI OF MT. GOROHO...
THOUGH YOU'RE ONLY A BRONZE KNIGHT, YOU'RE A WORTHY ENEMY. BUT I MUST STILL TURN YOU INTO A STATUE.
YOU THINK YOU CAN, PERSEUS?
EVEN MEDUSA MAY NOT WORK AGAINST MY DRAGON SHIELD, YOU KNOW !!

WHICH IS MORE POWERFUL, THE DRAGON SHIELD OR THE MEDUSA SHIELD?

TAKE THIS-- THE DRAGON'S ULTIMATE SECRET MOVE...
WHOOOOM
UNH!
KLAK
HERE I COME, PERSEUS !!

RISING DRAGON BLOW!!

READ THIS WAY
FWUPFWUPFWUP
KRUNCH
HEH...
WHAT? THE RISING DRAGON BLOW HAD NO EFFECT?
OF COURSE IT DIDN'T!
WHA...
YOU TOOK PAINS NOT TO LOOK AT THE MEDUSA SHIELD WHEN YOU THREW YOUR PUNCH.
TWISTED LIKE THAT, YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY DELIVER YOUR BLOW TO ITS FULL EFFECT.

GO AHEAD-- PERFORM YOUR RISING DRAGON BLOW PROPERLY!
STRIKE THE MEDUSA SHIELD HEAD-ON!!
HEH, WHAT'S WRONG?
UNH!
IF YOU'RE SCARED, I'LL COME TO YOU!!

WHAM
UGH!
KRASH!
THE DRAGON SHIELD IS AS STRONG AS THEY SAY.
THAT ATTACK SHOULD HAVE BROKEN EVERY BONE IN YOUR BODY.
BUT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME!
YOU CAN'T HIDE IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR SHIELD FOREVER!

UNH...
HE'S RIGHT... IF I STAY ON THE DEFENSIVE, I'LL LOSE FOR SURE.
I'VE GOT TO GO ON THE ATTACK ...
AHA!
THAT'S IT! WHEN THE ORIGINAL PERSEUS CUT OFF MEDUSA'S HEAD, HE KNEW HE WOULD BE TURNED TO STONE IF HE LOOKED AT HER DIRECTLY.
SO HE LOOKED AT HER REFLECTION IN HIS SHIELD AND CUT OFF HER HEAD...
KLAK

HUFF
I'M GOING ON THE OFFENSIVE!
I'LL DO AS YOU SAY, ARGOL. I WON'T HIDE BEHIND MY SHIELD ANYMORE.
HUFF
FOOL! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN ONLY ATTACK EFFECTIVELY IF YOU LOOK DIRECTLY AT YOUR OPPONENT?!
PERSEUS'S REFLECTION DISAPPEARED!!
WH- WHAT?!

AH HA HA HA... UP HERE, SHIRYÛ!
YOU'LL NEVER GET YOUR SHIELD UP IN TIME! YOU'RE FINISHED!
UNH!
GORGON'S KICK!!

KRASH
HEH! I KNOW THE STORY OF HOW PERSEUS DEFEATED MEDUSA.
DID YOU REALLY THINK THAT THE PERSEUS KNIGHT HIMSELF WOULD FALL FOR THAT PLOY?
I SEE...
WHEN ONE'S OPPONENT IS A KNIGHT RATHER THAN A MONSTER, CLEVER MOVES AREN'T ENOUGH.
SO I'LL FACE YOU STRAIGHT ON!

COME, THEN! COME STRAIGHT AT ME, SHIRYŪ!
KAKK
BUT YOU'RE ONLY PRO-LONGING YOUR SUFFERING!
NOW THERE'S NO WAY I CAN SEE THE MEDUSA SHIELD!
THANKS TO THE STRENGTH OF THE DRAGON CLOTH, NOT EVEN MY GORGON'S KICK COULD MORTALLY INJURE YOU.
ALL RIGHT! HERE I COME!
GRAAH!
SHWASH

UNH!
WH-WHAT?!
THE LEFT HALF OF MY BODY HAS TURNED TO STONE!!
SPOOONK

...THE MEDUSA SHIELD CAN STILL DO THIS...
EVEN WITH MY EYES COVERED... EVEN WITH THEM CLOSED...
NO!
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY ESCAPE MEDUSA'S WRATH IF YOU FACE HER STRAIGHT ON.
MEDUSA'S DEMONIC POWER CAN PENETRATE BLINDFOLD AND EYELIDS TO STRIKE YOUR RETINAS.
AND WITH HALF OF YOUR BODY TURNED TO STONE, NOT EVEN THE DRAGON SHIELD CAN SAVE YOU!
NOTHING CAN STOP ME FROM TURNING THE REST OF YOU TO STONE!!

NO, I'LL STRIKE THE MORTAL BLOW WITH THE GORGON'S KICK WHILE YOU'RE STILL HALF-FLESHED!!
WUP
HUH!
WHOMP
IS THAT POWERFUL COSMO EMANATING FROM SHIRYŪ?!
BUT HE CAN'T POSSIBLY WIN, NO MATTER WHAT HE DOES NOW...

PERSEUS, I SEEM TO HAVE UNDER-ESTIMATED YOU.
WOOOOO
TO DEFEAT YOU, I'LL HAVE TO SACRIFICE FLESH AND BLOOD...
WUP
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO NEUTRALIZE THE MEDUSA SHIELD!
WH-WHAT?!
PLIP
PLIP

NO! HE GOUGED OUT HIS OWN EYES!!
A-ARE YOU INSANE, SHIRYÛ?
I'M SANE. WE KNIGHTS MUST ALWAYS FIGHT AS THOUGH OUR LIVES ARE AT STAKE.
THIS IS RIDICULOUS! THAT WAS A HOPELESS ACT OF DESPERATION!
THIS DRAGON STILL HAS ONE FIST!
NOW COME, ARGOL!

THEN TAKE THIS! WE'LL FIND OUT WHETHER THE MEDUSA SHIELD WORKS AGAINST THE BLIND!!
I SEE IT!!
NOT MEDUSA'S FACE, BUT THE GODDESS OF VICTORY!!
RISING DRAGON BLOW!!

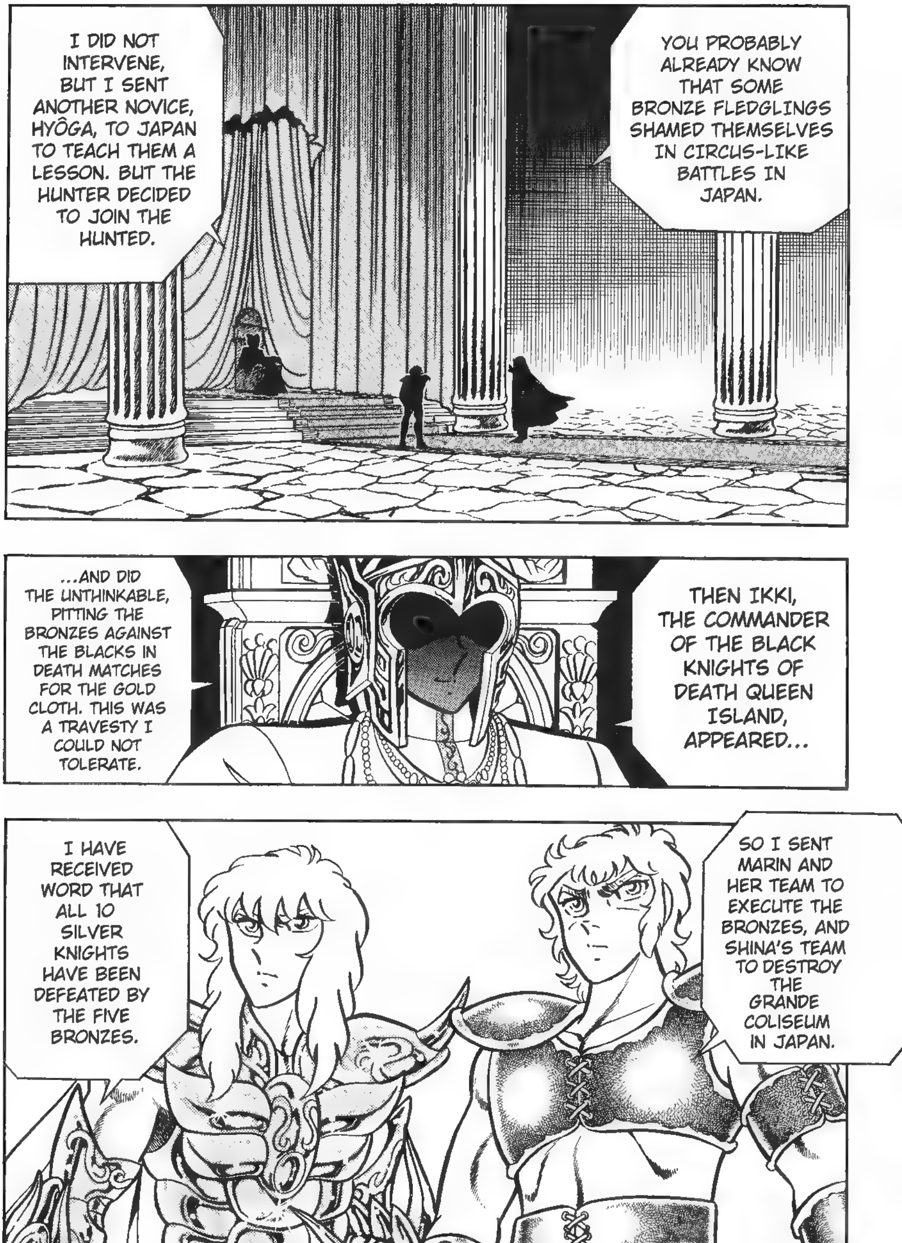
INCREDIBLE... HE SACRIFICED TWO EYES FOR A SINGLE VICTORY!
WHA...
I-I'VE NEVER MET...
...SUCH A MAN BEFORE.
NOT JUST FOR A SINGLE VICTORY...
...BUT FOR A MAGNIFICENT FUTURE, ARGOL.

FLASH
GREECE: SANCTUARY
"LEO AIORIA'S CHALLENGE"

THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
THE MASTER'S CHAMBER
KLACK
KLACK
AIORIA IS HERE.
YOU SUMMONED ME, MASTER?
HEH. YOU DARE TO ARRIVE LATE FOR A MEETING WITH THE MASTER?
WHAT?
...
WHOA, THERE ...

... A GOLD KNIGHT !

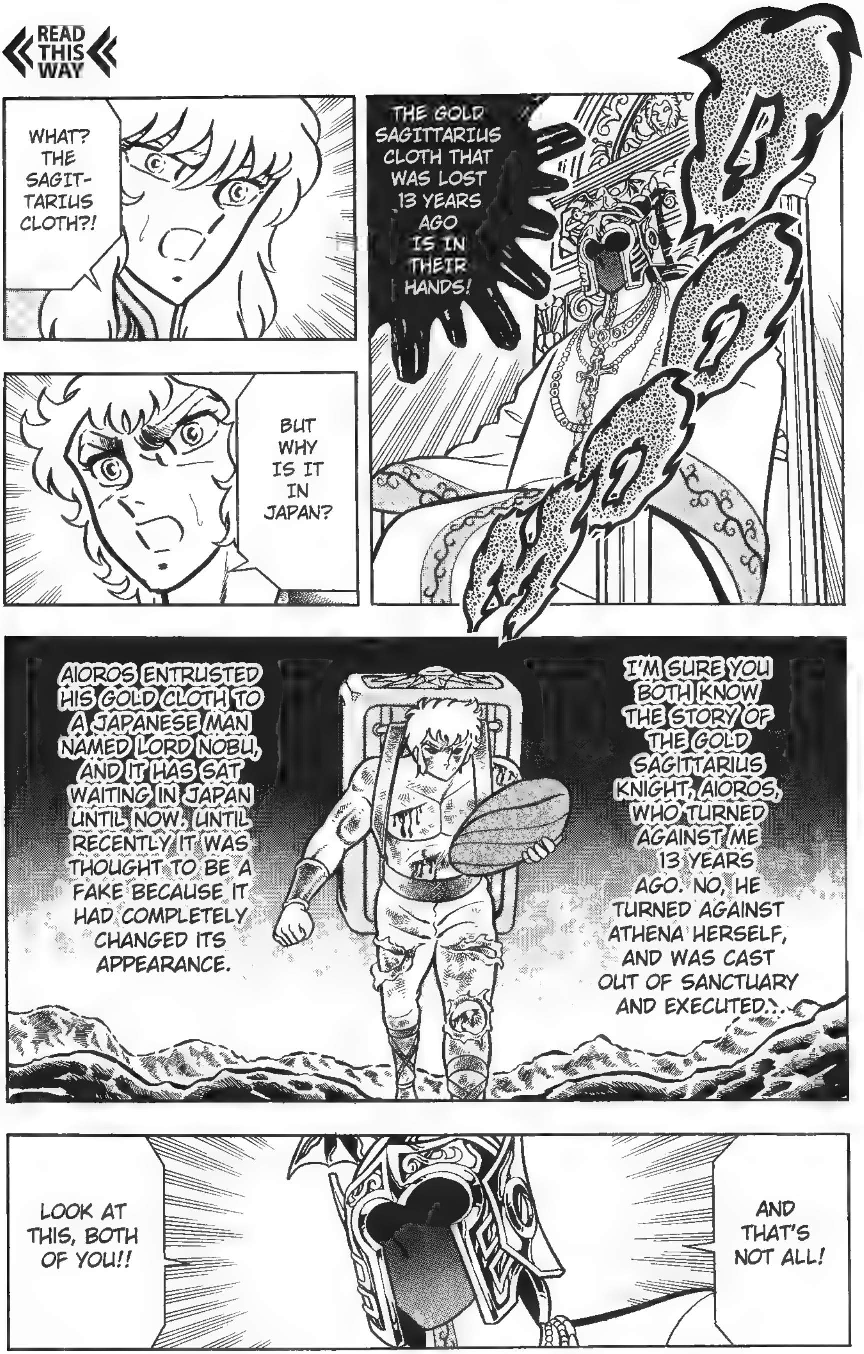
YOU'RE SCORPIO MIRO!!
MASTER, WHAT IS THIS?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
HEH ...
YOUR SURPRISE IS UNDER-STANDABLE. FEW CRISES ARE SO DIRE THAT THEY REQUIRE THE EFFORTS OF TWO GOLD KNIGHTS.
IN FACT, NEVER BEFORE HAVE I SUMMONED BOTH OF YOU, WHO ARE THE PRIDE OF SANCTUARY.
LISTEN CLOSELY, LEO AIORIA!
LISTEN, SCORPIO MIRO!

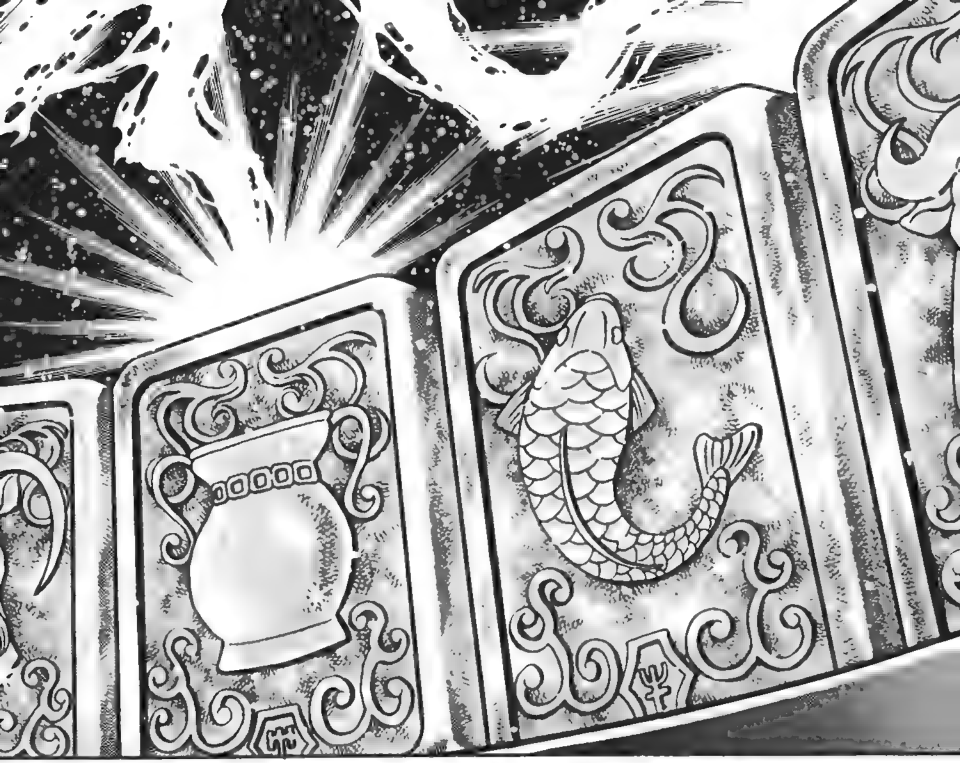

I DID NOT INTERVENE, BUT I SENT ANOTHER NOVICE, HYÔGA, TO JAPAN TO TEACH THEM A LESSON. BUT THE HUNTER DECIDED TO JOIN THE HUNTED.
YOU PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW THAT SOME BRONZE FLEDGLINGS SHAMED THEMSELVES IN CIRCUS-LIKE BATTLES IN JAPAN.
...AND DID THE UNTHINKABLE, PITTING THE BRONZES AGAINST THE BLACKS IN DEATH MATCHES FOR THE GOLD CLOTH. THIS WAS A TRAVESTY I COULD NOT TOLERATE.
THEN IKKI, THE COMMANDER OF THE BLACK KNIGHTS OF DEATH QUEEN ISLAND, APPEARED...
I HAVE RECEIVED WORD THAT ALL 10 SILVER KNIGHTS HAVE BEEN DEFEATED BY THE FIVE BRONZES.
SO I SENT MARIN AND HER TEAM TO EXECUTE THE BRONZES, AND SHINA'S TEAM TO DESTROY THE GRANDE COLISEUM IN JAPAN.

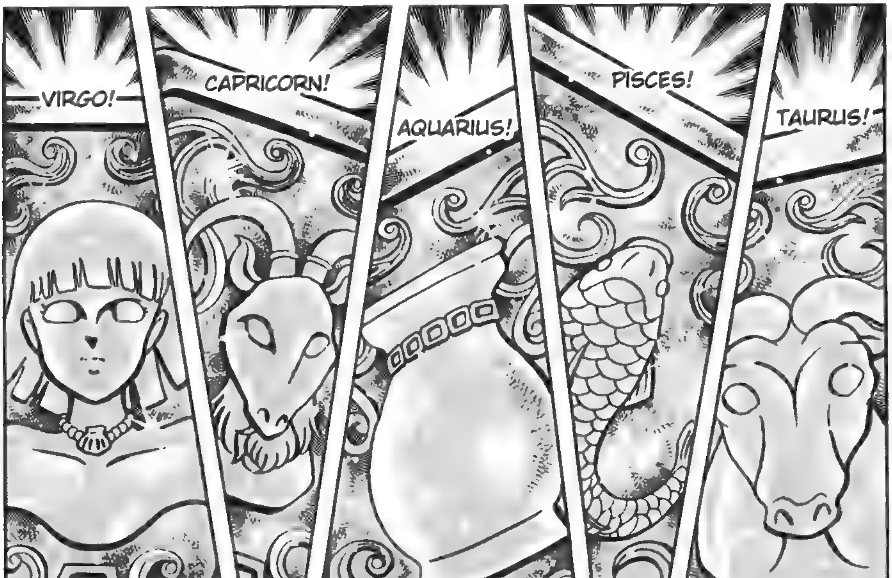
MY BEAUTY IS TRULY GODLIKE...
ASTERION,
TEN SILVER KNIGHTS...
...WERE DEFEATED BY FIVE BRONZE KNIGHTS?
YES, BY ONLY FIVE BRONZE KNIGHTS!!

FORGIVE ME, MASTER, BUT HOW DOES THIS CONCERN US?
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF BRONZE KNIGHTS DEFEATING SILVERS BEFORE.
THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE.
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY WANT US TO DESTROY THOSE BRONZES. IF THAT'S THE CASE ...
MARIN?
IT SEEMS THAT MARIN HAS TURNED TRAITOR, TOO.
NO, THEY MUST BE DEFEATED NOW. IT WOULD BE A TERRIBLE CALAMITY IF THEY WERE ALLOWED TO MATURE...
WHY ARE YOU SO WORRIED?
MASTER ...
IT MUST BE DONE!
FORGIVE ME, MASTER, BUT THAT'S LIKE ASKING A LION TO ASSASSINATE A RABBIT. IT WOULD TARNISH THE HONOR OF THE GOLDS!

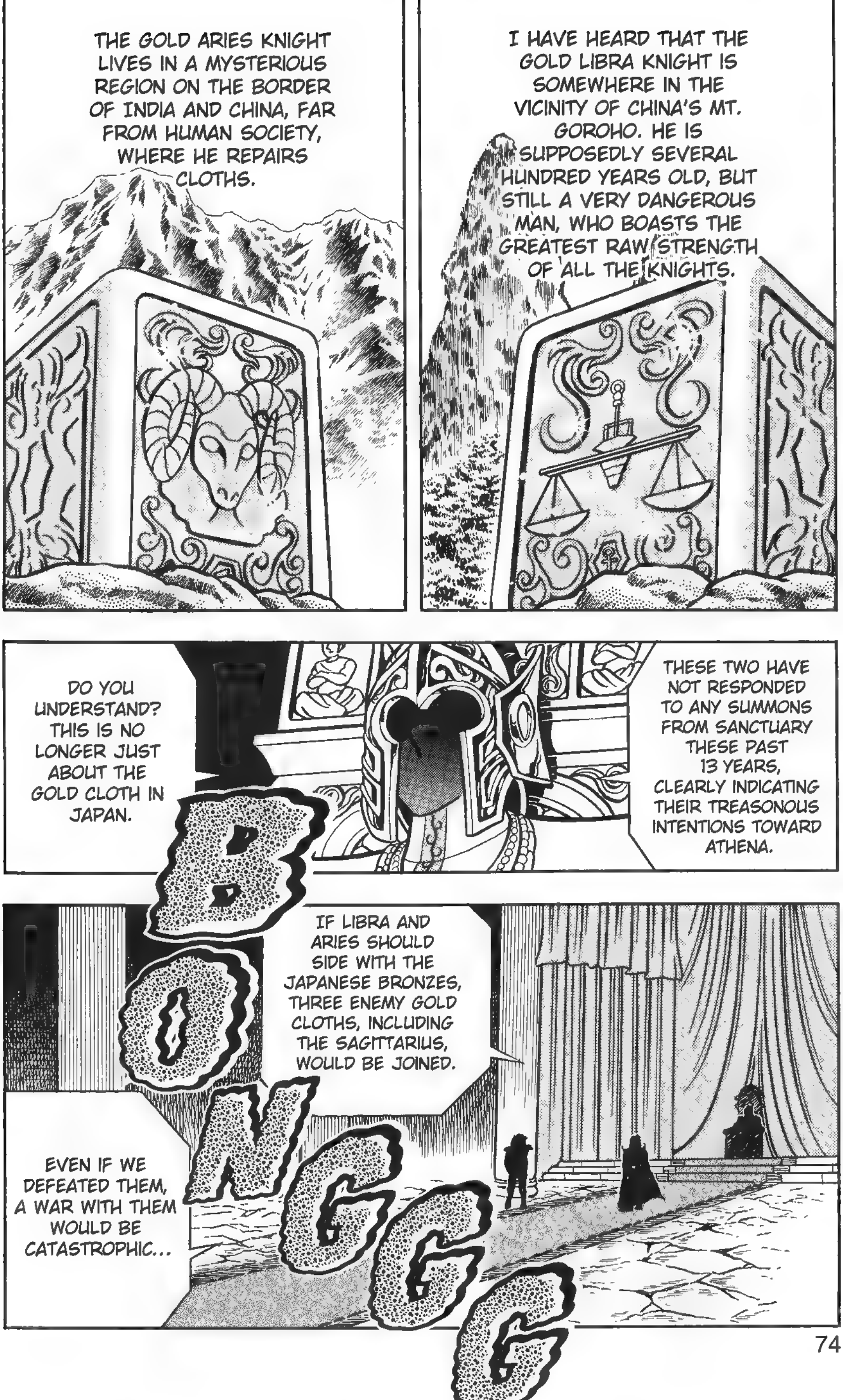
READ THIS WAY






VIRGO!
CAPRICORN!
AQUARIUS!
PISCES!
TAURUS!

SEVEN GOLD CLOTH BOXES!!
BUT TWO GOLD KNIGHTS CONSPIRED WITH AIOROS AND BETRAYED SANCTUARY 13 YEARS AGO, AND REMAIN AT LARGE.
THAT'S RIGHT. INCLUDING THE TWO OF YOU, NINE GOLD KNIGHTS HAVE PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO ATHENA.
GEMINI!
CANCER!
THOSE ARE...
THE TWO MISSING BOXES, LIBRA AND ARIES.


THE GOLD ARIES KNIGHT LIVES IN A MYSTERIOUS REGION ON THE BORDER OF INDIA AND CHINA, FAR FROM HUMAN SOCIETY, WHERE HE REPAIRS CLOTHS.
I HAVE HEARD THAT THE GOLD LIBRA KNIGHT IS SOMEWHERE IN THE VICINITY OF CHINA'S MT. GOROHO. HE IS SUPPOSEDLY SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS OLD, BUT STILL A VERY DANGEROUS MAN, WHO BOASTS THE GREATEST RAW STRENGTH OF ALL THE KNIGHTS.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? THIS IS NO LONGER JUST ABOUT THE GOLD CLOTH IN JAPAN.
THESE TWO HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO ANY SUMMONS FROM SANCTUARY THESE PAST 13 YEARS, CLEARLY INDICATING THEIR TREASONOUS INTENTIONS TOWARD ATHENA.
IF LIBRA AND ARIES SHOULD SIDE WITH THE JAPANESE BRONZES, THREE ENEMY GOLD CLOTHS, INCLUDING THE SAGITTARIUS, WOULD BE JOINED.
EVEN IF WE DEFEATED THEM, A WAR WITH THEM WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC...
BONGGG

THE TWO OF YOU WILL VISIT DIVINE RETRIBUTION UPON THOSE WHO PLOT AGAINST ATHENA!
WE UNDER-STAND, MASTER.
BUT, WHATEVER THE REASON, IF IT TOOK TWO GOLDS TO TOPPLE THOSE LOWLY BRONZES, WE'D BE THE LAUGHINGSTOCK OF KNIGHTS EVERYWHERE.
TMP
SILENCE, MIRO! AIORIA IS RIGHT!
BUT, MASTER, YOU'RE SENDING HIM, OF ALL PEOPLE?
KLANK
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO DEAL WITH THEM ALONE.
BUT, AIORIA ...

AIORIA IS THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF THE GOLD SAGITTARIUS KNIGHT AIOROS, WHO BETRAYED SANCTUARY!
DOOM
AIORIA'S HEART BURNS WITH LOYALTY FOR ATHENA, AND HE IS ONE OF YOUR STRONGEST KNIGHTS, BUT HOW CAN WE BE SURE...
THAT MAKES HIM THE PERFECT CHOICE!
FOR 13 YEARS, AIORIA HAS SWALLOWED BITTER TEARS AS THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF A TRAITOR.
THIS IS HIS OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAN THE STAIN OF TREACHERY FROM HIS NAME BY RETURNING THE GOLD CLOTH HIS BROTHER STOLE.
AND IF AIORIA SHOULD HAPPEN TO DIE, WE TAKE CARE OF TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE.
WHAT?

READ THIS WAY

JAPAN GRANDE FOUNDATION SANATORIUM
AARGH!
WAAH! IT STINGS!
HA HA!
OW! BE GENTLE, MIHO!
HA HA HA!
COME ON, SEIYA, DON'T MOVE. I CAN'T APPLY THE MEDICINE IF YOU SQUIRM. DON'T BE A BABY.
KLAK KLAK
I'M SO RELIEVED. I WAS AFRAID YOU'D LOSE YOUR SIGHT...
BUT YOU'RE OUT OF THE WOODS NOW.
I CRACKED MY SKULL, BROKE MY ARM AND BRUISED MY WHOLE BODY TO RESCUE PRINCESS SIENNA!
IT'S NOT FUNNY, SHUN!
SORRY, SEIYA.

SPEAKING OF BLINDNESS, HOW'S SHIRYÛ? I HEARD HE GOUGED HIS OWN EYES OUT TO NEUTRALIZE ARGOL'S SHIELD!
HOW HORRIBLE!
BUT THANKS TO HIM, ALL OUR STONE FRIENDS ARE FLESH AGAIN.
YES.
HAPPY DAY
SHIRYÛ WENT HOME TO MT. GOROHO, ESCORTED BY SUNREI. SHE SAID THERE'S A MEDICINE THERE THAT MAY HELP HIS EYES.
AND HYÔGA WENT HOME TO EASTERN SIBERIA.
HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO PROTECT HIS MOTHER'S RESTING PLACE AND PLOUGH THE GREAT LAND OF SIBERIA WITH JACOB.
I'M ALSO THINKING ABOUT GOING ON A JOURNEY SOON, TO FIND MY BROTHER.
I SEE... WELL, I'M SORRY I WON'T SEE EVERYBODY AGAIN. BUT WE ALL HAVE THINGS TO DO.
WHEN MY INJURIES HEAL, I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR MY SISTER ON MY OWN TWO FEET.
MAYBE NONE OF US WILL EVER RETURN TO JAPAN, HUH?
WHETHER PRINCESS SIENNA IS ATHENA OR NOT, IT LOOKS LIKE NOBODY WANTS TO FIGHT FOR HER.
WE'RE NOT HER SLAVES ANYMORE.

WHOA. WHAT'S THIS GOLD CLOTH BOX DOING HERE?!
PRINCESS SIENNA HAD IT DELIVERED.
DOOOM
NO WAY! DOES SHE REALIZE HOW MANY TIMES I WAS ALMOST KILLED BECAUSE OF THIS? I NEVER WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN!
I TOLD HER NO, BUT...
SHE SAID THAT SINCE NO ONE AT THE GRANDE FOUNDATION COULD PROTECT IT, IT WOULD BE SAFEST WITH YOU, SEIYA.
OW!
OW!
OW!
OW!
THWAK
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME! I DON'T WANT TO TAKE CARE OF THIS THING!

READ THIS WAY

SH-SHINA!
YOU'RE STILL IN JAPAN?!
OF COURSE. A DEFEATED SILVER KNIGHT CAN'T RETURN TO SANCTUARY IN SHAME.
WHOA! WHAT THE HECK?!
F S S S S S
SEIYA!
WHY DO YOU NURSE SUCH A GRUDGE AGAINST ME? GET A LIFE!
I MUST AT LEAST GO HOME SWINGING YOUR HEAD.
THE MYTHICAL KNIGHTS WHO DEFENDED ATHENA WERE ALL MEN. THE WORLD OF KNIGHTS WAS FORBIDDEN TO WOMEN.
NOW, WHEN A GIRL BEGINS TRAINING AS A KNIGHT, SHE MUST ABANDON HER FEMININITY, SO A MASK IS PLACED ON HER FACE.
YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW WHY I PICK ON YOU, SEIYA?

READ THIS WAY

KLANKK
WHAM
WAAH!
WHOA!
UNH!
THROOOM
WH-WHAT? THE GOLD CLOTH IS ASSEMBLING ITSELF!!
AND IT LOOKS DIFFERENT THAN IT DID BEFORE! COULD IT BE A REAL GOLD CLOTH, AFTER ALL?!

SO THIS IS THE TRUE FORM OF THE GOLD SAGITTARIUS CLOTH!!
BLINK
WHOA!
WHOSE COSMO IS THAT?!
IT'S THE GENUINE GOLD, BEYOND A DOUBT...
THEN THE STORY PRINCESS SIENNA TOLD US WAS TRUE...

THE GOLD LEO KNIGHT!
BUT WHAT KNIGHT OWNS THIS AWESOME COSMO? WHO IS IT?
IT'S OUTSIDE! I FEEL IT!
HISSSK
COULD IT BE...
AIORIA!
HUH?
WH-WHO IS THAT MAN?
UNH!

AIORIA
!!

AIORIA, HUH? LONG TIME NO SEE. WHY HAVE YOU COME ALL THE WAY FROM SANCTUARY?
DID YOU COME HERE TO KILL ME?
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THE MASTER THINKING?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! FIRST HE SENT SILVERS, AND NOW THE MASTER HAS EVEN SENT A GOLD...
WHY IS HE SO DETERMINED TO BURY SEIYA AND THE OTHER BRONZES?
WAP
OW, THAT HURTS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
BUT YOU WERE JUST TRYING TO KILL ME, SHINA ...
K-KILL?
THEY'RE NOTHING LIKE THE BLACKS AND SILVERS YOU MANAGED TO DEFEAT.
DO YOU KNOW HOW DEADLY A GOLD KNIGHT IS?
HUH?
SEIYA, RUN!
HURRY! HE'LL KILL YOU!!

UNH!
FWOOO
WHAT THE--?!
KRAK
IMPOSSIBLE! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE ?!
WE'RE BEING MANIPULATED BY AN INVISIBLE FORCE!
WAAAH!

OWW...
WHAM
OOF!
DOOM

DON'T TELL ME IT WAS YOU WHO HURLED US OUT THE WINDOW!
IT'S BEEN SO LONG... THIS IS NO WAY TO TREAT ME!
WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
KLAK
SHINA?
STEP ASIDE, SHINA...
...OR YOU COULD GET INJURED TOO.
P-PLEASE, AIORIA!
AIORIA, LEAVE SEIYA TO ME.
I'LL DO HIM IN ... YOU NEEDN'T ...

SHINA!
WUMP
HUH?
WHIP
UNH!
FWASH

WH- WHAT THE-- ?!
KRASH
SKUFF SKUFF
AIORIA'S FINGER FLASHED FOR JUST AN INSTANT... HOW COULD IT DO SO MUCH DAMAGE?
NO WAY! WHAT HIT ME?
WHAM

SWUMP
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
SEIYA, WHERE ARE THE OTHER FOUR BRONZES?
AND WHERE IS THE GOLD SAGITTARIUS CLOTH?
I SEE ...
THE MASTER SENT YOU TO KILL US, JUST LIKE HE DID THE SILVERS ...
TMP
I-IN THAT CASE, I CAN'T SURRENDER ...
I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT EVEN YOU, MY ESTEEMED ELDER FROM SANCTUARY ...

READ THIS WAY
DON'T, SEIYA. FOR OLD TIMES' SAKE, I'LL SPARE YOU.
BUT WHERE ARE THE FOUR BRONZES AND THE GOLD CLOTH?
YOU REALLY THINK I'D SELL OUT MY BROTHERS TO SAVE MYSELF?!
HMM... THE ATTACK MARIN TAUGHT YOU SIX YEARS AGO IN SANCTUARY, ISN'T IT?
WELL, THEY'RE PUNCHES, BUT WHERE'S THE METEOR?
PEGASUS METEOR PUNCH!!
YOUR HANDS SEEM TO MOVE IN SLOW MOTION.
TO ME, ANYWAY!

WH-WHAT?
THE METEOR PUNCHES ARE PASSING RIGHT THROUGH HIM!
HOW'S HE DOING THAT?
YOU BRONZES CAN ONLY REACH MACH 1. THE SILVERS, MACH 2 TO 5. FLAIL ABOUT ALL YOU LIKE, BUT YOU'RE FAR TOO SLOW!
WE GOLDS ARE DIFFERENT!
WE CAN MOVE AT NEARLY 186,000 MILES PER SECOND ...
... FAST ENOUGH TO CIRCLE THE EARTH SEVEN AND A HALF TIMES!
WH-WHAT? SEVEN AND A HALF TIMES IN ONE SECOND?
IMPOS-SIBLE! THAT'S ALMOST ...

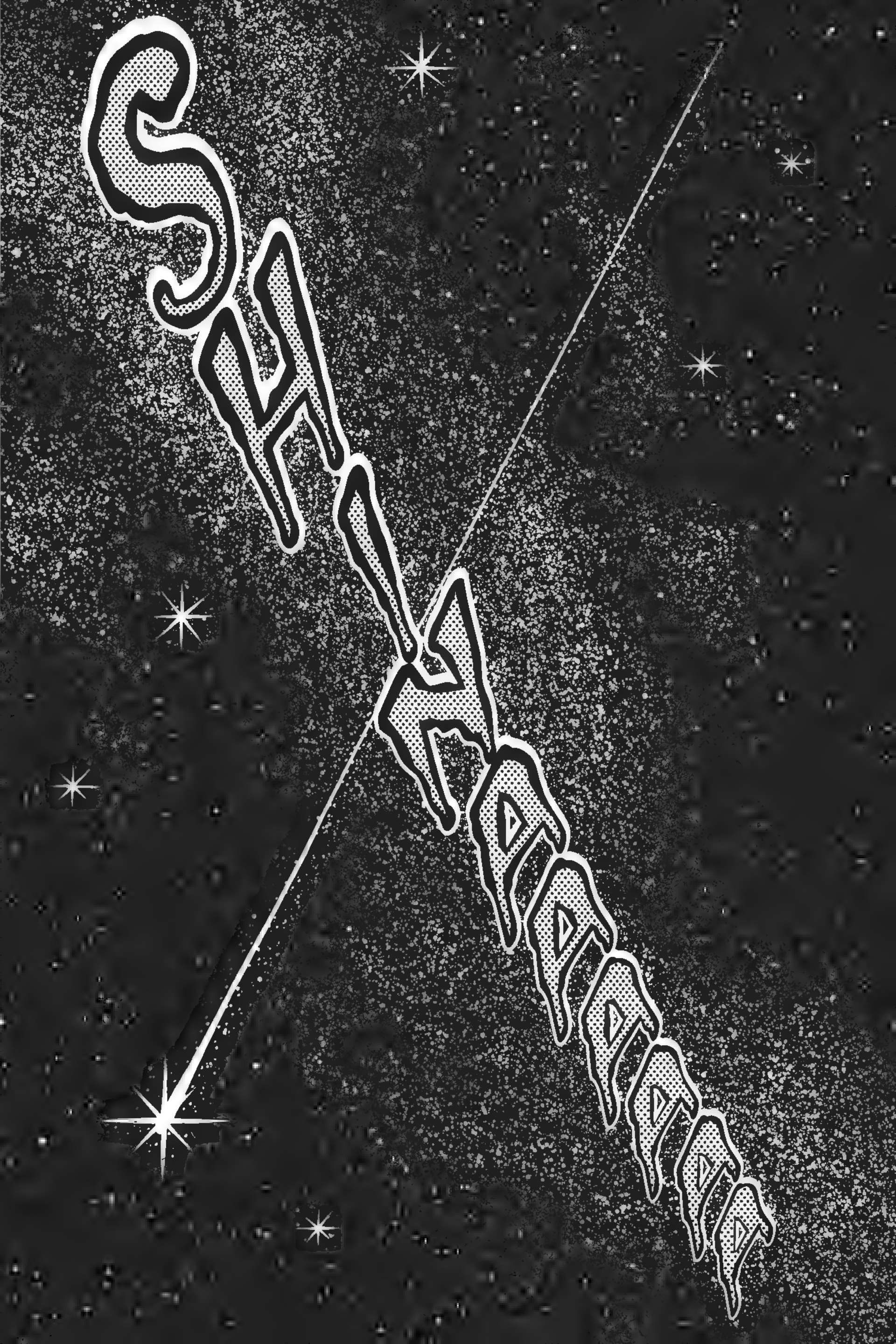
THE SPEED OF LIGHT!
THAT'S RIGHT! WE KNIGHTS OF THE GOLD CLOTH CAN MOVE AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT!!
THAT'S WHY HE COULD DEFEAT SHINA AND ME WITH ONE FINGER ...
...AND DODGE METEOR PUNCHES SO EASILY. HE'S JUST THAT FAST...
I-I HAVE NO CHANCE AGAINST HIM. I ONLY HAVE A BRONZE'S STRENGTH. I AM NO MATCH FOR A GOLD.
N-NO, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY, I CAN BARELY BREAK MACH 1.
THERE'S JUST NO WAY I CAN MOVE FAST ENOUGH!

YOU FINALLY UNDERSTAND THE HUGE GULF BETWEEN BRONZES AND GOLDS...
...SO I'LL GIVE YOU ONE LAST CHANCE TO SAVE YOURSELF.
WHERE ARE THE OTHER BRONZES AND THE GOLD CLOTH?
LIKE I SAID BEFORE, I CAN'T SELL OUT MY BROTHERS.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ME, THEN DO IT!
VERY WELL. I WON'T ASK YOU AGAIN. THIS TIME, INSTEAD OF ONE FINGER, I'LL USE MY WHOLE FIST.
AND WHEN I STRIKE, YOU'LL BE A DEAD MAN.
UNH...

NOW, SEIYA, FEEL LEO'S FANGS!!
KA-BOOM
HUH?!
WHAT?!

SHINA!!
SH-SHINA...
HEH...BUT YOU WOULDN'T WANT THAT, WOULD YOU, SEIYA? FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME TO...
...TO FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU... TH-THAT'S WHY...
S-SEIYA... WHEN A MAN SEES A FEMALE KNIGHT'S FACE WITHOUT HER MASK, SHE MUST EITHER KILL HIM... OR...
WHAT?
...FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM...

READ THIS WAY



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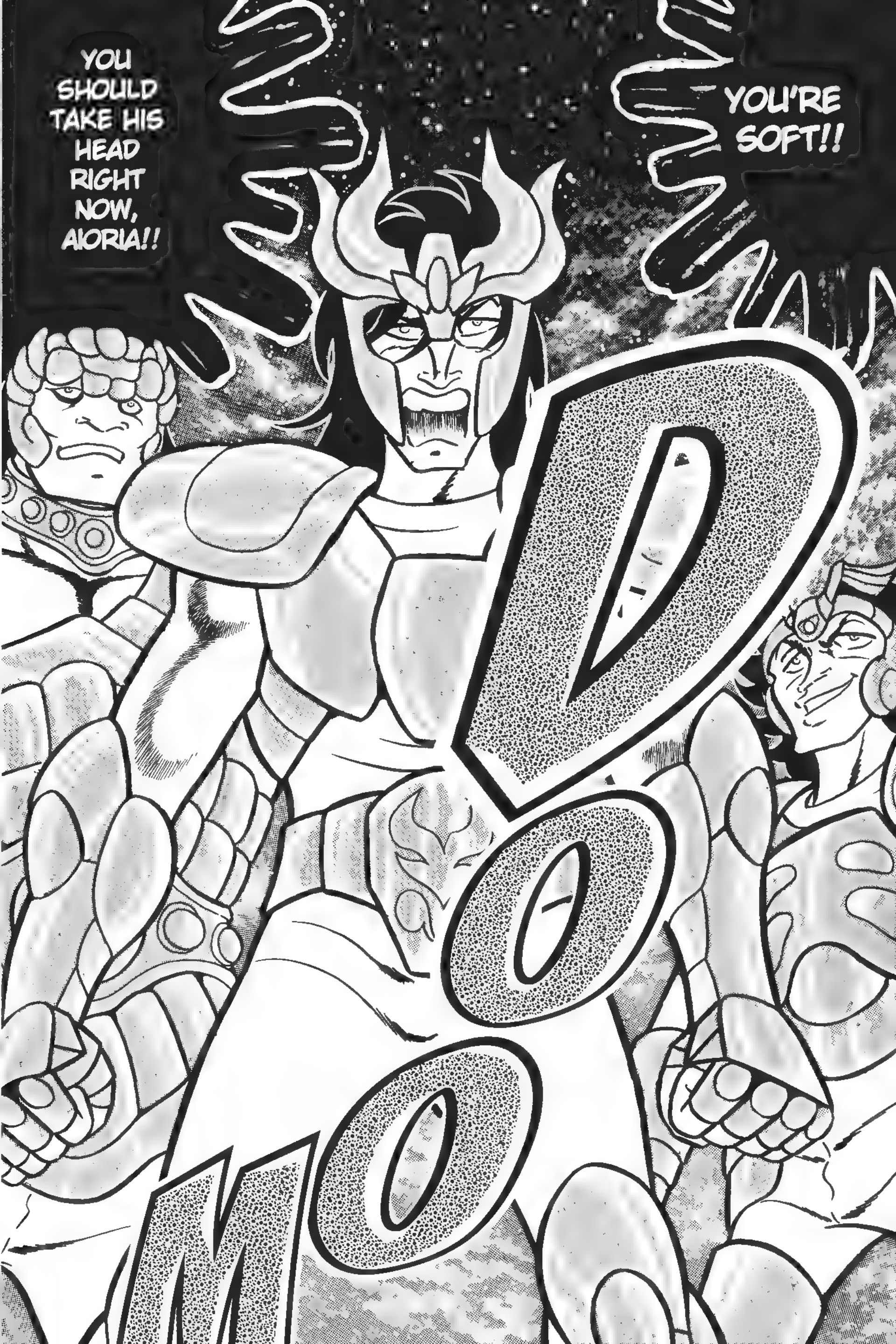
EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE, YOU'RE GOING DOWN!!
THWAK

WH- WHAT?
FEEL BETTER NOW, SEIYA?
THAT HURT...
OW... MY FIST...
THROB
YOU'RE RIGHT. I SHOULD'VE NOTICED SHINA'S MOVE. FORGIVE ME!
KLANK

WHY DID YOU VIOLATE THE RULES OF SANCTUARY, SEIYA? YOU KNEW THAT PERSONAL BATTLES WERE FORBIDDEN.
I-I KNOW, BUT...
THE MASTER IS ATHENA'S REGENT. HIS WORD IS LAW.
BUT YOUR REASONS DON'T MATTER NOW. I'LL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO TAKE YOUR HEAD.
THIS IS ONLY A REPRIEVE, SEIYA... A LITTLE TIME FOR YOUR WOUNDS TO HEAL.
A- AIORIA...
WITH IMMEDIATE TREATMENT, SHE MAY YET LIVE. LEAVE IT TO ME, SEIYA.
A- AIORIA...


YOU'RE SOFT!!
YOU SHOULD TAKE HIS HEAD RIGHT NOW, AIORIA!!
DOOOM

HEH HEH HEH... THE MASTER TOLD US TO KEEP AN EYE ON YOU, AIORIA.
WHAT ?!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
HUH?!
SILVER KNIGHTS!!
FOOL.
YOU'RE THE BROTHER OF A TRAITOR. HOW WAS THE MASTER TO KNOW WHAT YOU MIGHT DO?
STOP TALKING NONSENSE. GO TELL THE MASTER ...
...THAT AIORIA WILL BRING HIM THE HEADS OF THE FIVE BRONZES AND THE GOLD SAGITTARIUS CLOTH.
NOTHING... BUT IF YOU CAN'T DO IT, WE'LL BE GLAD TO FINISH SEIYA FOR YOU...
I WONDER. I JUST SAW YOU SPARE SEIYA'S LIFE, AGAINST THE MASTER'S ORDERS...
WHAT ARE YOU IMPLYING?

I'LL TAKE HIS HEAD RIGHT NOW!
OW!
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THIS WHELP TOOK OUT MISTY AND MORRIS.
BUT I'LL AVENGE THEM!
BY YOUR LEAVE, OF COURSE, LORD AIORIA ... HEH HEH HEH ...
GOOD ENOUGH! DIE, SEIYA!
* FROM THE GREEK KORNEPHOROS, MEANING "CLUB WIELDER."

HERE'S HERCULES ARGETHI'S KORNE HORSE!!
WH-WHAT?! THIS IS EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN MORRIS'S CETUS SPOUTING BOMBER!
MY HEAD'LL BE SPLATTERED ON THE GROUND!
WAAAH!
KRASH

DIOS!!
HEH HEH! NO FAIR, ARGETHI! HIS HEAD ISN'T YOURS TO TAKE!
THE ONE TO AVENGE MISTY AND THE OTHERS ...
...WILL BE DIOS, THE MUSCA KNIGHT!!
NOW, SEIYA, FLY HIGH INTO THE HEAVENS AGAIN!!
HERE'S MY KICK OF DEATH!!
WHOOM

DEAD END FLY!!
KABOOM
OOF!!
WHAP
HUH?!

DON'T FORGET SIRIUS, THE CANIS MAJOR KNIGHT!
THAT'S ENOUGH, BOTH OF YOU! YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES WHO WANT TO AVENGE OUR SILVER COMRADES!!
WHUMP
NOW... WHO WILL STRIKE THE FATAL BLOW?
HEH... THANKS TO OUR SPORT, HE'S ALREADY HALF-DEAD.

M-MY CLOTH...
IF ONLY I HAD MY PEGASUS CLOTH...
UGH... UNARMED, I DON'T HAVE A PRAYER AGAINST THREE SILVER KNIGHTS...
fwash
FLINCH
IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE IN THERE?
RRRRMMMMB
HMM... I'M SENSING A POWERFUL COSMO EMANATING FROM THAT WINDOW...
THAT WAS THE ROOM THAT SEIYA WAS IN ...
WHAT?! CAN IT BE?!

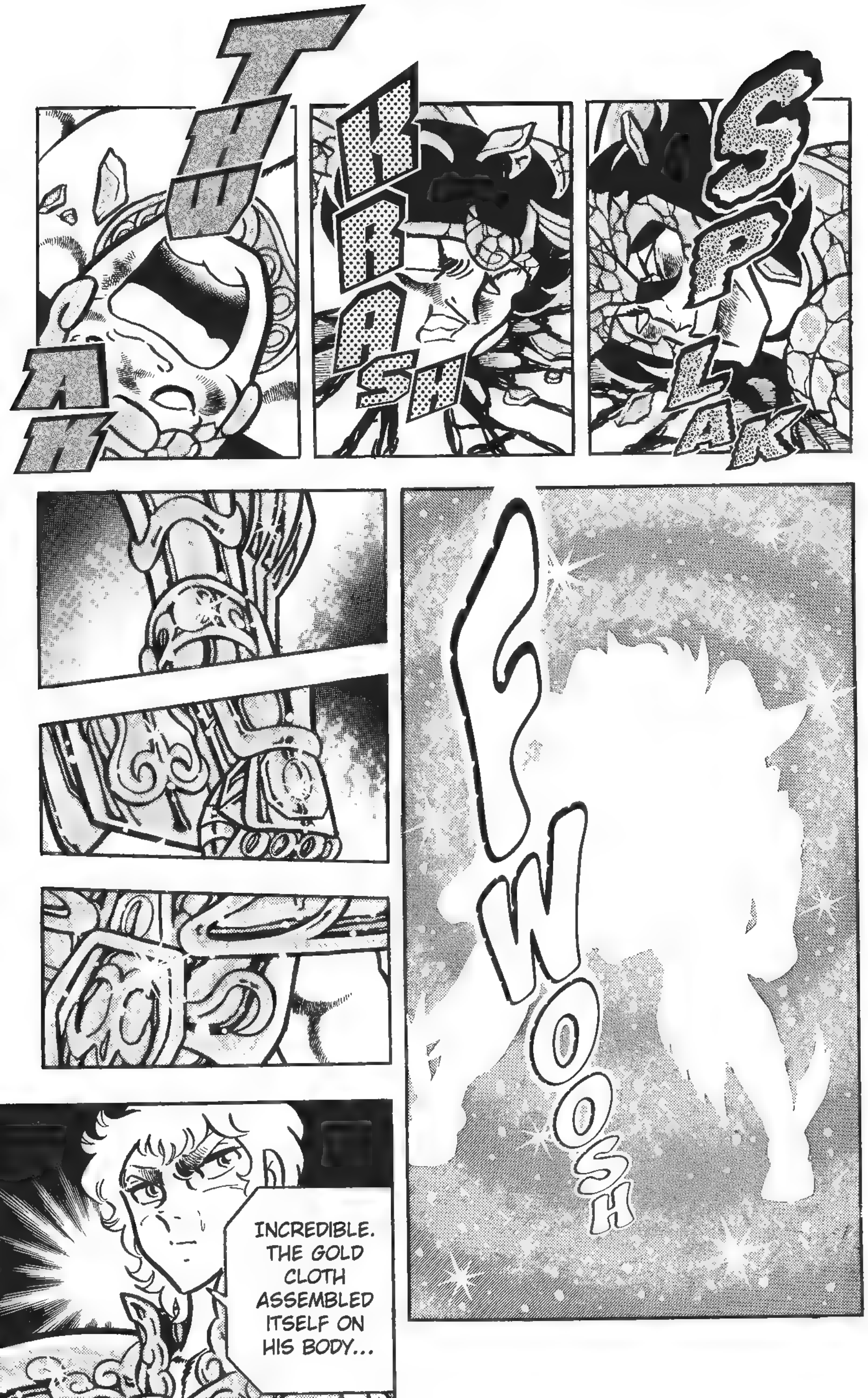
BUT NO COM-PLAINING, NO MATTER WHO FINISHES HIM!
INTER-ESTING...
ERK
ALL RIGHT -- WE'LL HURL HIM HIGH INTO THE SKY AND ALL THREE OF US WILL ATTACK HIM AT ONCE!
HEH...THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM, EH?
SHOOM
WHOOSH
ALL RIGHT! ATTACK!!

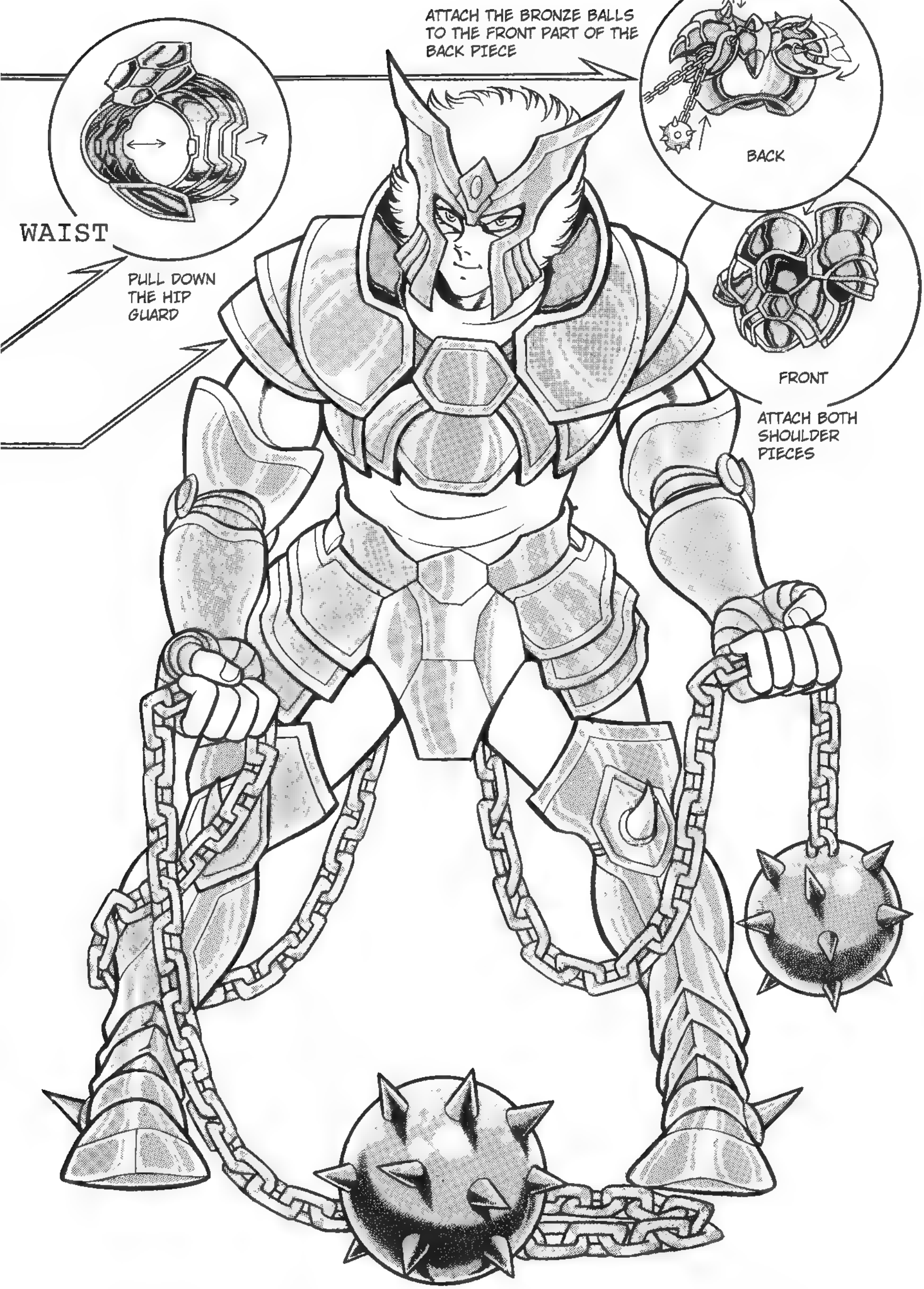
HUH?
BUT HOW?!
SEIYA DISAPPEARED ?!
HUH?!
IT'S--?!
IMPOSSIBLE!

VEEEEN
THE GOLD CLOTH!
THE GOLD SAGITTARIUS CLOTH!!

WHAT?!
KLA-KLANK
IT DIS-ASSEMBLED ITSELF !!
RUN, QUICKLY!
EH?
YOU SILVERS DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST A KNIGHT IN A GOLD CLOTH!
N-NON-SENSE.
DOES THIS MEAN ...
IS SEIYA ...

AAARGH
!!


THWAK
KRASH
SPLAK
WOOSH
INCREDIBLE. THE GOLD CLOTH ASSEMBLED ITSELF ON HIS BODY...

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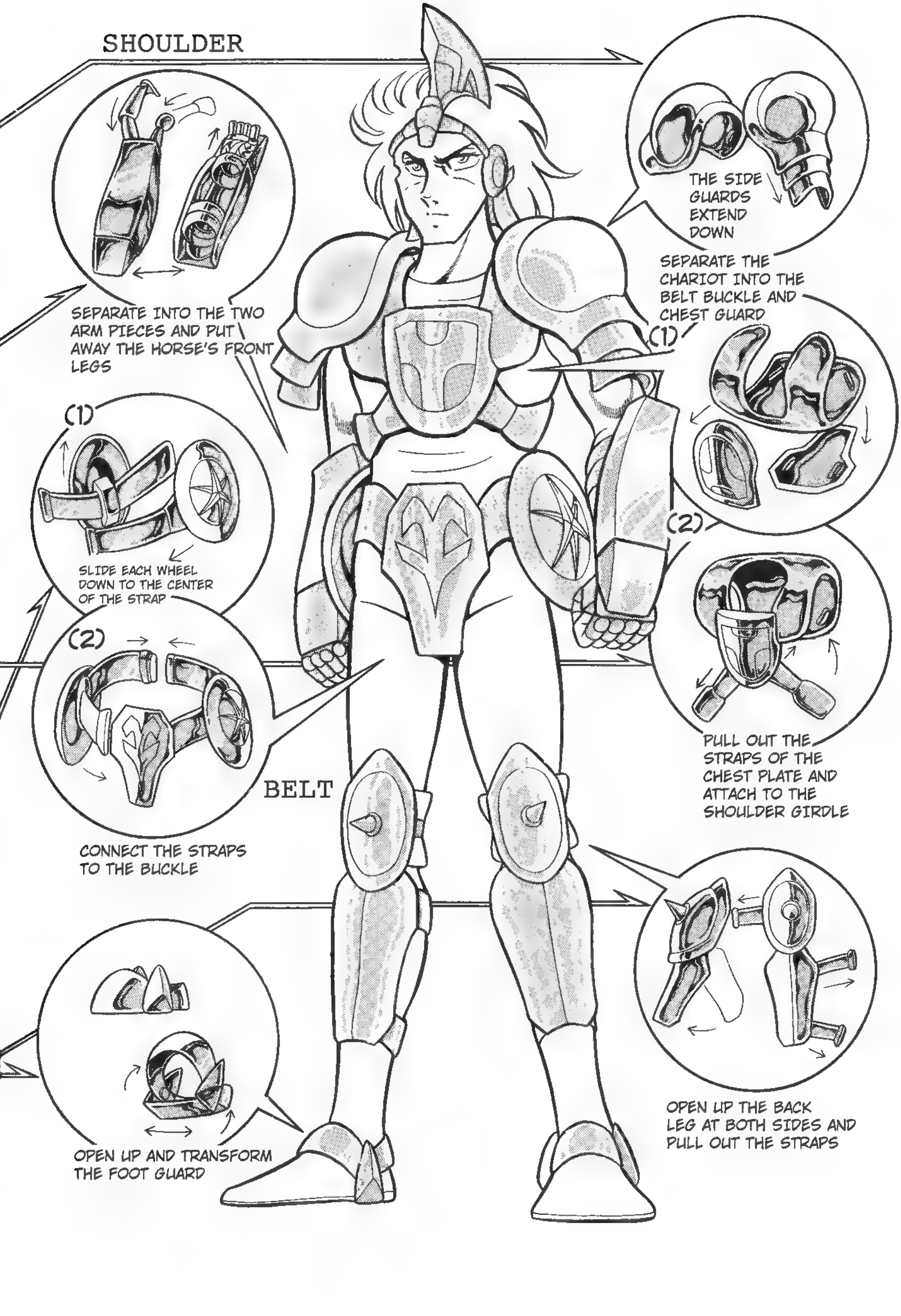
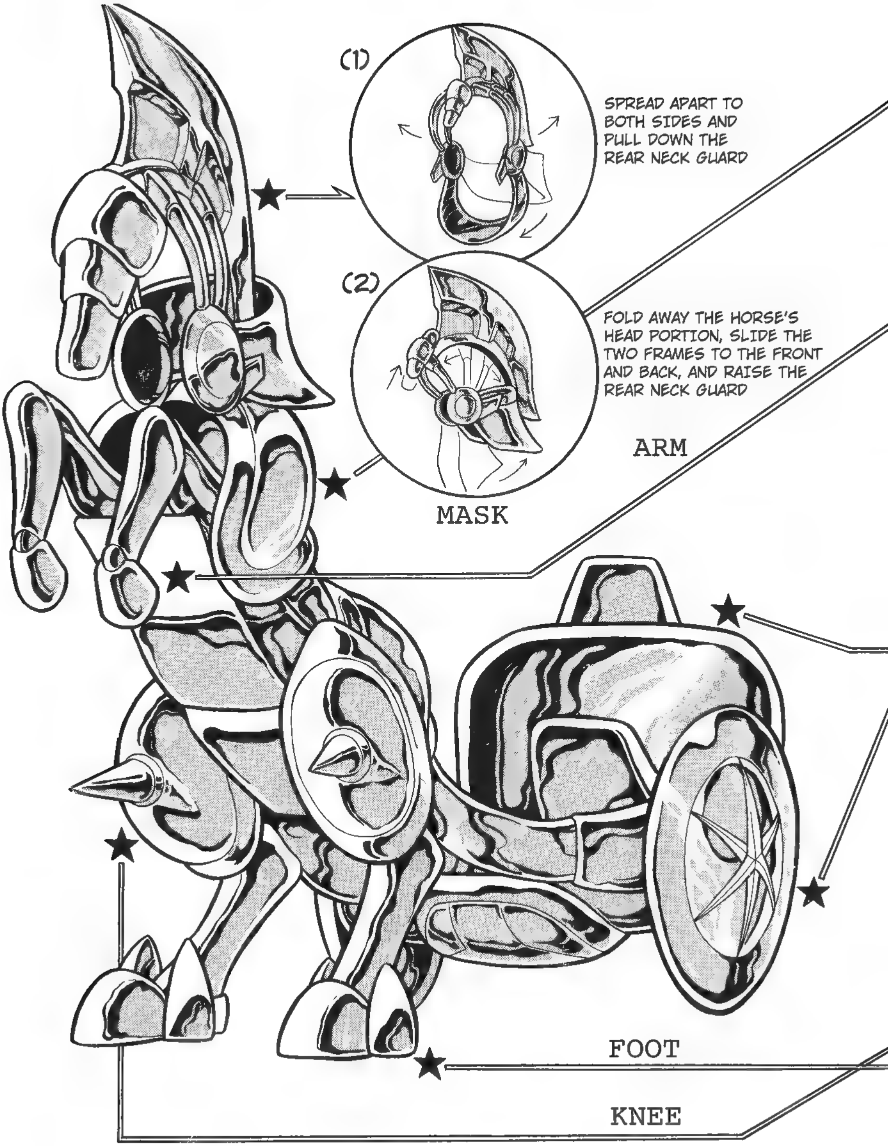
SILVER CLOTH BREAKDOWN AND FITTING CHART VIII

# THE CERBERUS CLOTH




CLOTH BREAKDOWN AND FITTING CHART XXI




SILVER CLOTH BREAKDOWN AND FITTING CHART IX

# THE AURIGA (CHARIOTEER) CLOTH

VIOLENT COLLISION!
THE GOLD CLOTH

WHY WOULD THE SAGITTARIUS CLOTH DO THAT FOR SEIYA?!
IN THE GOLD CLOTH, YOU'RE ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH ME, SEIYA.

THUMP
I DON'T KNOW WHY THE GOLD CLOTH WOULD ACCEPT THE LIKES OF YOU...
DOOOM
BUT NOW THAT IT HAS, I CAN'T WALK AWAY.
EN GARDE, SEIYA!!

FWASH
I-I DODGED AIORIA'S LIGHT-SPEED PUNCH!
WHEN I JUMPED, I SHOT INTO THE AIR LIKE A ROCKET!
WHAT?!
WITH THIS CLOTH, IT JUST MIGHT WORK...
YES ...

PEGASUS METEOR PUNCH!!
HAH!
KROOSH

KLANK
I-I DID IT!
I MUST BE DREAMING ...
I ATTACKED AIORIA -- A GOLD KNIGHT!!
HAH!
NOW THAT YOU'RE ARMORED IN GOLD, I WON'T HOLD BACK ANYMORE.
GET READY, SEIYA!

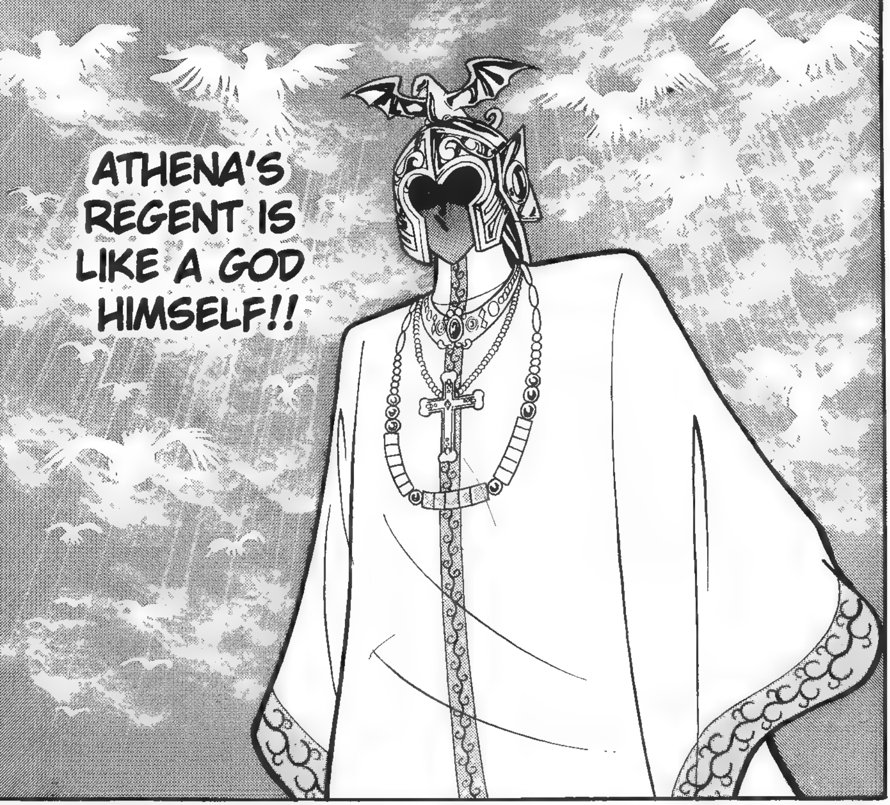
LIGHTNING BOLT!!

KRASH
HE IS A MAN OF SUCH GREAT LOVE AND JUSTICE THAT ATHENA HERSELF CHOSE HIM AS HER REGENT.
A-AIORIA... WHY DO YOU OBEY THE MASTER?
LOOKS LIKE A BORROWED GOLD CLOTH WON'T SAVE YOU, SEIYA.
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
THE MASTER IS LIKE A GOD!
WHOOOM
I'M SORRY, BUT THE MASTER DEMANDS YOUR HEAD!
FWASH
WH-WHAT... WHO ARE YOU?!

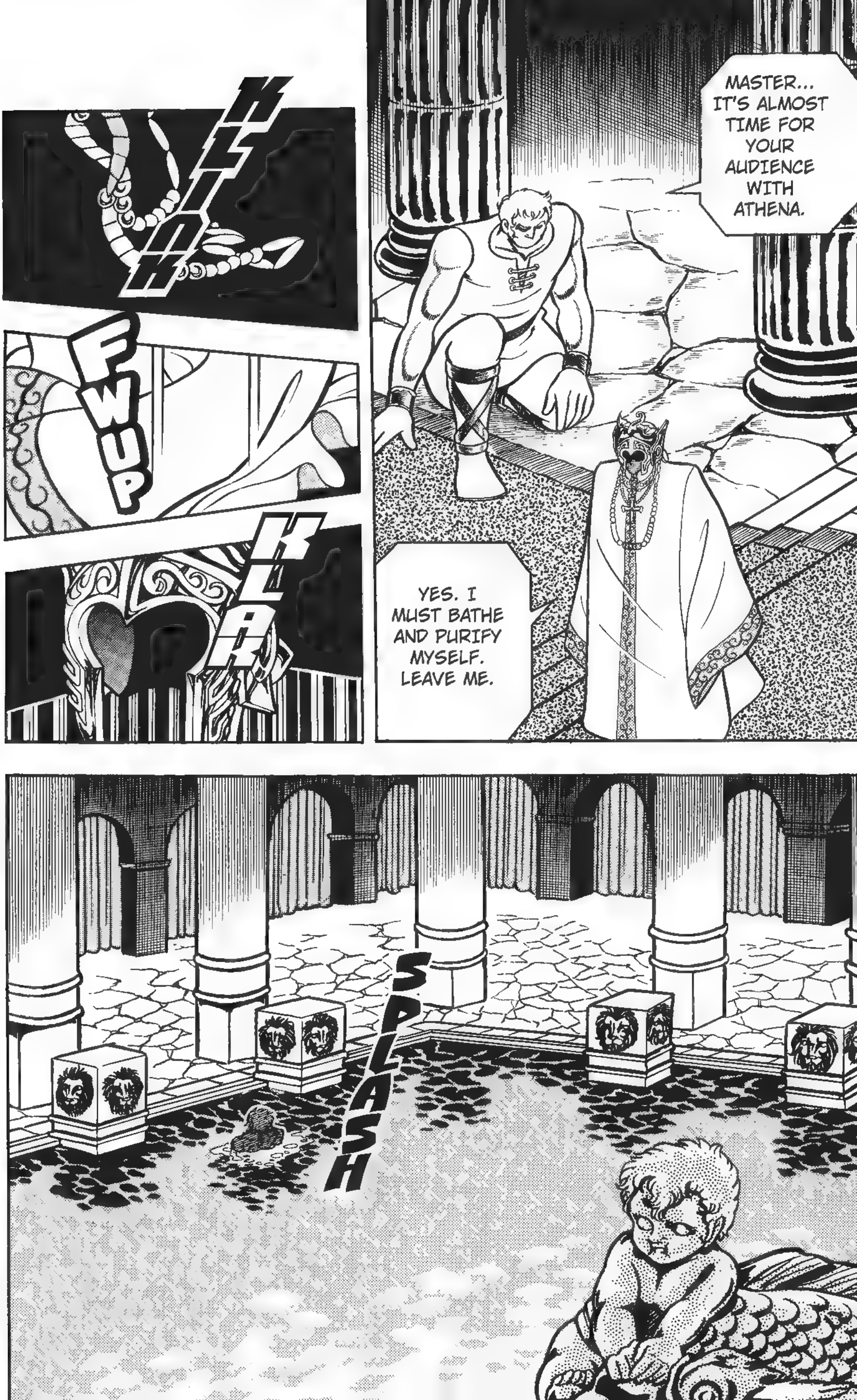
GREECE: THE VILLAGE LODORIO, NEAR ATHENS
SAINT SEIYA! YOU YOUTHS ARE ALL...
SAINT SEIYA! TOMORROW'S HEROES... OH YEAH...
WOOF WOOF WOOF WOOF
KLOP KLOP KLOP KLOP
UNH... I DON'T WANT TO DIE...
N-NO, I'M AFRAID TO DIE -- I DON'T WANT TO GO TO HELL...
GRAND-PA!
POOR GRANDPA. HE USED TO HAVE SO MUCH FAITH...
BUT WITH THE END SO NEAR, HE REPENTS HIS FEW SINS AND FEARS HE WILL BURN...
IS THIS THE HOUSE OF COSIMODO?

MASTER!!
M-MASTER, I-I AM A MAN STEEPED IN SIN.
I'M AFRAID TO DIE IN SUCH A WICKED STATE...
WUP
MY DEAR COSIMODO, NO ONE BORN IN THIS WORLD DIES WITHOUT SIN.
BUT WHEN YOU PASS ON, YOUR SINS WILL BE CLEANSED AND YOU WILL LIVE WITH GOD.
DO NOT FEAR DEATH.
GOD WILL NOT PUNISH YOU.
REST IN PEACE... IN PEACE...

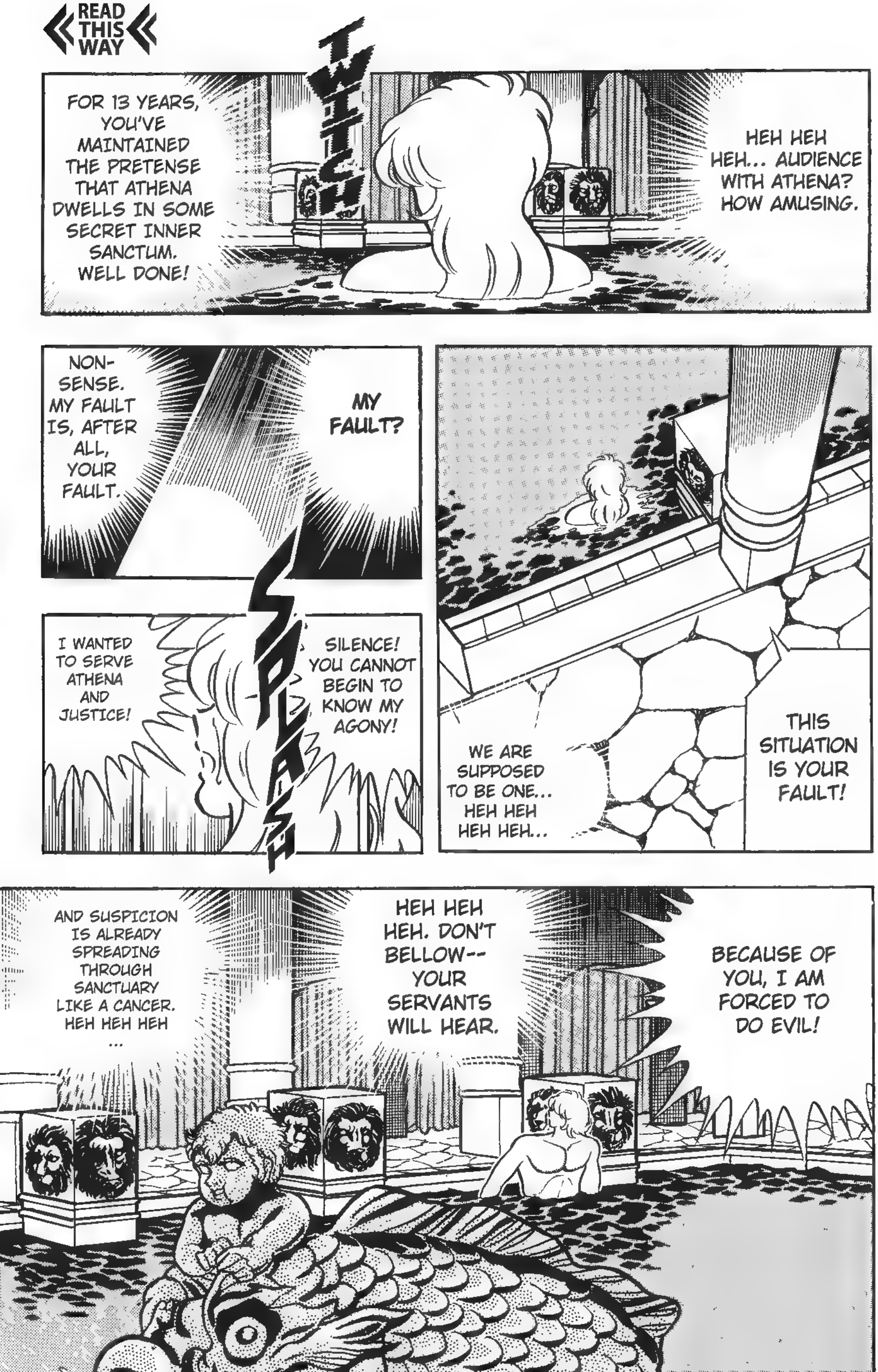
TH-THANK YOU, MASTER.
MASTER!
HE LOOKS SO PEACEFUL...
GRANDPA'S FACE IS NO LONGER TWISTED WITH FEAR...
THE MASTER...
...BRINGS LOVE AND PEACE TO THE POOR ALL OVER GREECE.
THE PEOPLE WORSHIP HIM...
IT'S THE MASTER!
GOD BE WITH YOU.
YAY
YAY
YAY
WOOF WOOF WOOF
OBEY YOUR PARENTS AND LEARN FROM THEM, LITTLE ONES.
YES, MASTER!


ATHENA'S REGENT IS LIKE A GOD HIMSELF!!

SANCTUARY
THOOM
THOOM
THOOM


FWUP
MASTER... IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR YOUR AUDIENCE WITH ATHENA.
YES. I MUST BATHE AND PURIFY MYSELF. LEAVE ME.
SPLASH

READ THIS WAY



THE BEAUTY OF YOUR FORM NEVER FAILS TO AMAZE ME.
IT MAY WELL BE GOD'S ULTIMATE WORK OF ART.
THAT IS, WE MAY BE HIS ULTIMATE WORK OF ART.
FOR WE ARE ONE, HEH HEH HEH HEH...
SHUT UP!!
SPLASH

M-MASTER, IS SOMETHING WRONG?
UNH...
MASTER, YOUR CLEAN GARMENTS ARE HERE...
UNH...
ARE YOU SICK, MASTER?
MASTER, FORGIVE THE INTRUSION, BUT ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WHOOM
HAH!
WH-WHAT THE--?!
WH-WHO ARE YOU?!

KREERK
UNGH!
YOU SAW!
WH-WHAT--
Y-YOU'RE... THE MASTER...
NO ONE CAN SEE MY NAKED FACE AND BODY AND LIVE.
KRAK
KRKARKA
AAARGH!
WHO ARE YOU?!

SWUFF
SPLAT
PRINCESS SIENNA--OR RATHER, ATHENA--MUST DIE, OR MY AMBITIONS WILL CRUMBLE BENEATH MY FEET!
I MUST HURRY. THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE MASTER MUST NEVER BE REVEALED.

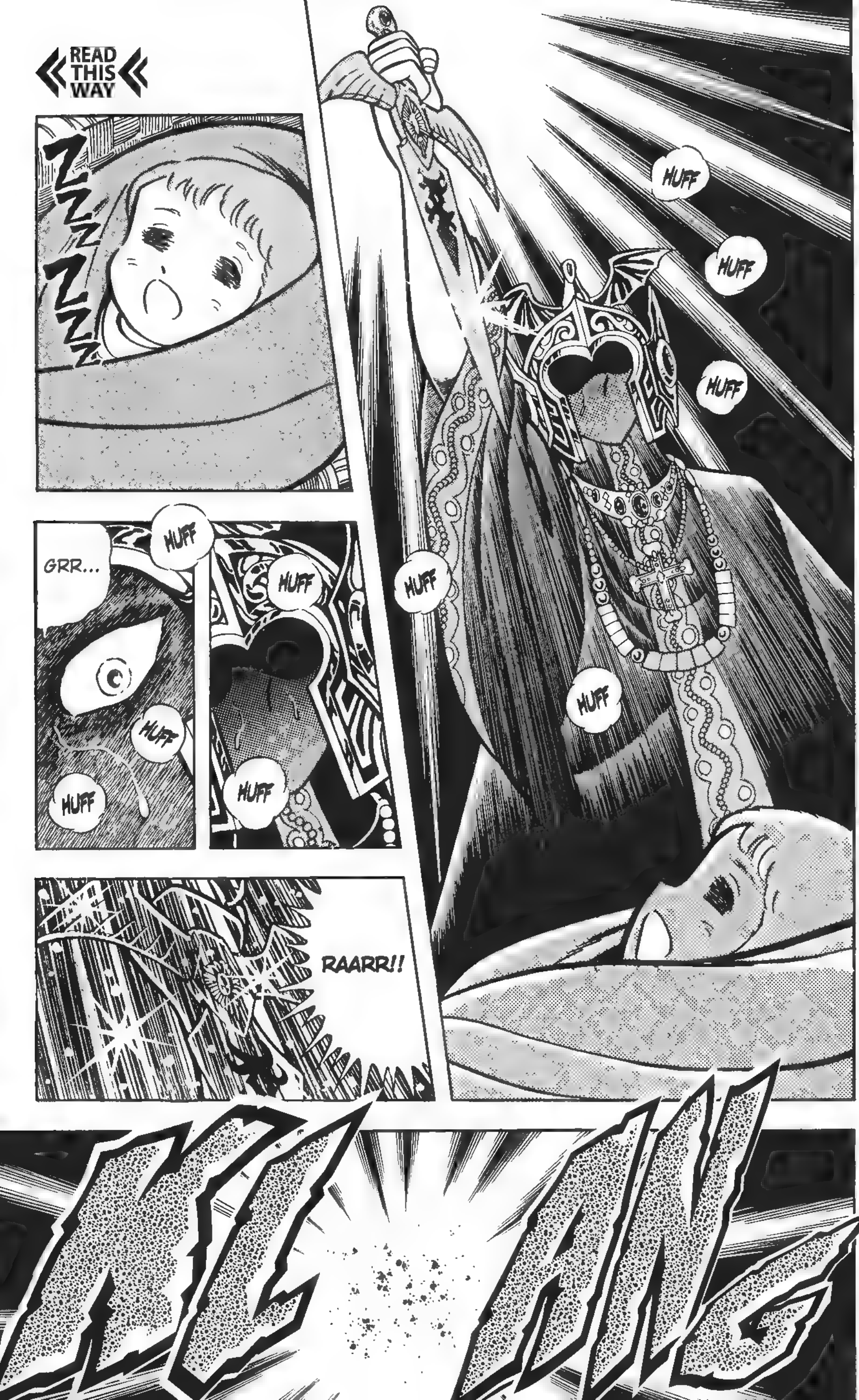
THE MASTER IS NOT A GOD. LOWER YOUR FIST, AIORIA.
WHA... PRINCESS SIENNA...
PRINCESS SIENNA... RUN... IT'S DANGEROUS...
AIORIA, LISTEN TO MY STORY.
YOU WILL UNDER-STAND THAT THE MASTER IS NO GOD, BUT A DEVIL.
THAT COSMO ...
COULD THIS GIRL BE...

BUT YOU'RE THE ONES WHO BROKE THE KNIGHTS' LAW AND PROFANED OUR ORDER BEFORE THE WHOLE WORLD.
THE MASTER, A DEVIL?
AIORIA, HEAR ME OUT.
HMPH!
A MIGHTY COSMO EMANATES FROM SIENNA STRONGER THAN ANY AMONG THE 12 GOLD KNIGHTS!
SOMEONE POSSESSING A COSMO GREATER THAN OURS CAN ONLY BE... NO, IMPOSSIBLE...

ATHENA!!

COULD THIS GIRL BE THE INCARNATION OF ATHENA?!
AIORIA, 13 YEARS AGO, YOUR BROTHER AIOROS SAVED MY LIFE.
WHAT?!
HE WAS NOT A TRAITOR. AIOROS WAS A TRUE KNIGHT WHO FOUGHT FOR JUSTICE. AS I SAID...
MY BROTHER, THE TRAITOR WHO BETRAYED SANCTUARY...

IT'S THE MASTER WHO IS EVIL INCARNATE.
HE TRIED TO MURDER ME AND SEIZE SANCTUARY FOR HIMSELF!!
DOOM
WH- WHAT?!
IT'S TRUE. THAT NIGHT, THE MASTER TRIED TO MURDER ME WITH A GOLDEN DAGGER.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF


READ THIS WAY
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
ZZZZZZ
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
GRR...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
RAARR!!

AIOROS!!
MASTER, YOU'VE LOST YOUR MIND...
RELEASE ME!
MASTER!!
LOOK WHAT YOU'RE DOING!
THIS IS ATHENA, SENT BY THE GODS AFTER CENTURIES ...
DON'T INTERFERE, AIOROS!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

STOP!
WHAT?!
UNH... NOW YOU'VE SEEN ME, AIORIOS ...
M-MASTER... WHO ARE... ?!
NO ONE WHO SEES MY NAKED FACE MAY LIVE!
YOU WILL DIE WITH ATHENA!

GUARDS! ANYONE!!
AIOROS HAS COMMITTED TREASON!

A- ATHENA ...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
I'LL PROTECT YOU WITH MY LIFE.
HUNT HIM DOWN! KILL HIM!
HE HAS ATTEMPTED TO SLAY ATHENA!
HE MUST BE STOPPED!!
SO THE GOLD SAGITTARIUS CLOTH AND I...
WERE ENTRUSTED TO LORD NOBU.
YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT FOR ALL THESE YEARS, EVERYONE IN SANCTUARY HAS BELIEVED A LIE?
N- NONSENSE...

I DOUBT THAT EVEN THE MASTER COULD HAVE IMAGINED THAT THE GOLD CLOTH AND I WERE AT THE EASTERN RIM OF THE WORLD, IN JAPAN!
TO AVOID DETECTION BY SANCTUARY, UPON RETURNING TO GREECE, MY GRANDFATHER HAD ARTISANS ALTER THE SHAPE OF THE GOLD CLOTH TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE AN ANTIQUE FROM SCANDINAVIA. I SPENT THE NEXT NINE YEARS AS HIS PAMPERED GRAND-DAUGHTER, NOT KNOWING THE TRUTH.
FIVE YEARS AGO, WHEN GRANDFATHER BECAME ILL AND BEDRIDDEN...
...HE TOLD ME THE TRUE STORY FOR THE FIRST TIME.
HE REVEALED THAT THE TRUE PURPOSE OF THE GALAXY TOURNAMENT WAS TO FIND WORTHY KNIGHTS FOR THE COMING WAR.
HE ADVERTISED THE TOURNAMENT ALL OVER THE WORLD TO ANNOUNCE OUR EXISTENCE AND LURE THE EVIL OUT OF THE DARKNESS.
HUH...
BUT WE NEVER RECKONED WITH IKKI AND HIS BLACK KNIGHTS SHOWING UP.

I BELIEVE HE SENT THEM ONLY TO KILL THE BRONZE KNIGHTS AND DESTROY THE GRANDE COLISEUM.
STILL, THE MASTER TOOK THE BAIT AND SENT THE SILVER KNIGHTS AS HIS ASSASSINS.
BUT WHEN HE REALIZED THAT I WAS ATHENA AND THAT THE GOLD CLOTH WAS AUTHENTIC...
...HE SENT SHINA'S GROUP, THE WRECKERS OF THE COLISEUM, TO KIDNAP ME AND STEAL THE CLOTH.
BUT SEIYA AND THE BRONZES DEFEATED THEM.
SO, FINALLY, THE MASTER DISPATCHED YOU, A GOLD KNIGHT.
HMM... IF THAT'S TRUE...
N-NO, BUT...

BUT... WHERE'S YOUR PROOF?
HM?
UNDERSTAND THIS, AIORIA-- IF YOU ARE A TRUE KNIGHT OF ATHENA, IT'S NOT US YOU SHOULD BE FIGHTING...
...BUT THE MASTER, WHO SEIZED SANCTUARY AND USURPED COMMAND OF THE KNIGHTS.
THE TRUE ATHENA SHOULD BE ABLE TO BLOCK EVEN MY FIST...
FOR ME TO BELIEVE YOUR STORY, YOU MUST PROVE TO ME THAT YOU ARE REALLY ATHENA.
FROM THE MOMENT THIS WAR BEGAN I'VE BEEN PREPARED TO DIE.
WHA...
VERY WELL. HIT ME.
YOU'LL BE CRIPPLED OR KILLED... ARE YOU SURE?

GO ON, AIORIA: TRY TO PIERCE MY CHEST WITH YOUR LIGHTNING-FAST FIST!!
LIGHTNING BOLT!!
WELL, I WARNED YOU...
KA-FWASH

SEIYA!!
UNH... OW...
Y-YOU IDIOT!
THROWING YOUR LIGHTNING BOLT AT HER WILL ONLY PROVE THAT SHE HAS ENTRAILS...
WH-WHAT... SEIYA...
YOU BLOCKED MY LIGHT-SPEED PUNCH? HOW?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT IN THE LOCUS OF YOUR PUNCH...
I CLEARLY SAW THE BALL OF LIGHT THAT IS THE LIGHTNING BOLT...

NO... YOU COULD SEE ME MOVING, EVEN AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT?
BUT THE BOLT'S POWER STILL SMOLDERS WITHOUT DISSIPATING! YOUR HAND WILL BE BLOWN OFF, SEIYA!!
AIORIA... YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND...
HAH!
WH- WHAT THE--?!

AIOROS... MY BROTHER!!
DADOOM
LITTLE BROTHER, CAN'T YOU TELL WHO IS GOOD AND WHO IS EVIL?
HUH ...?
WH-WHAT'S THIS? BEHIND SEIYA, I SEE A VISION OF AIOROS WEARING THE GOLD SAGITTARIUS CLOTH..!

YET YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A TRUE KNIGHT?! MY OWN BROTHER!!
AND YOU WOULD RAISE YOUR FIST AGAINST ATHENA? YOU SHOULD DIE FOR THAT SIN, FOOL!
AIOROS...
SWUP
WH-WHAT... I FEEL MY COSMO BEING STRENGTHENED BY SOME OUTSIDE FORCE!!
IMPOSSIBLE!
SEIYA IS PUSHING BACK THE POWER OF THE LIGHTNING BOLT!!

RRAAARR!
HAH!
NO, SEIYA! YOU MUSTN'T KILL AIORIA!

FWOO

WHOOM
TWINKLE

WH-WHAT HAPPENED?! I JUST BLINDLY PUSHED BACK THE BALL OF LIGHT, BUT...
KRASH
KLANK
HAH!
KLAK
KLA-KLANK
HUH?
I'M BEATEN, SEIYA...

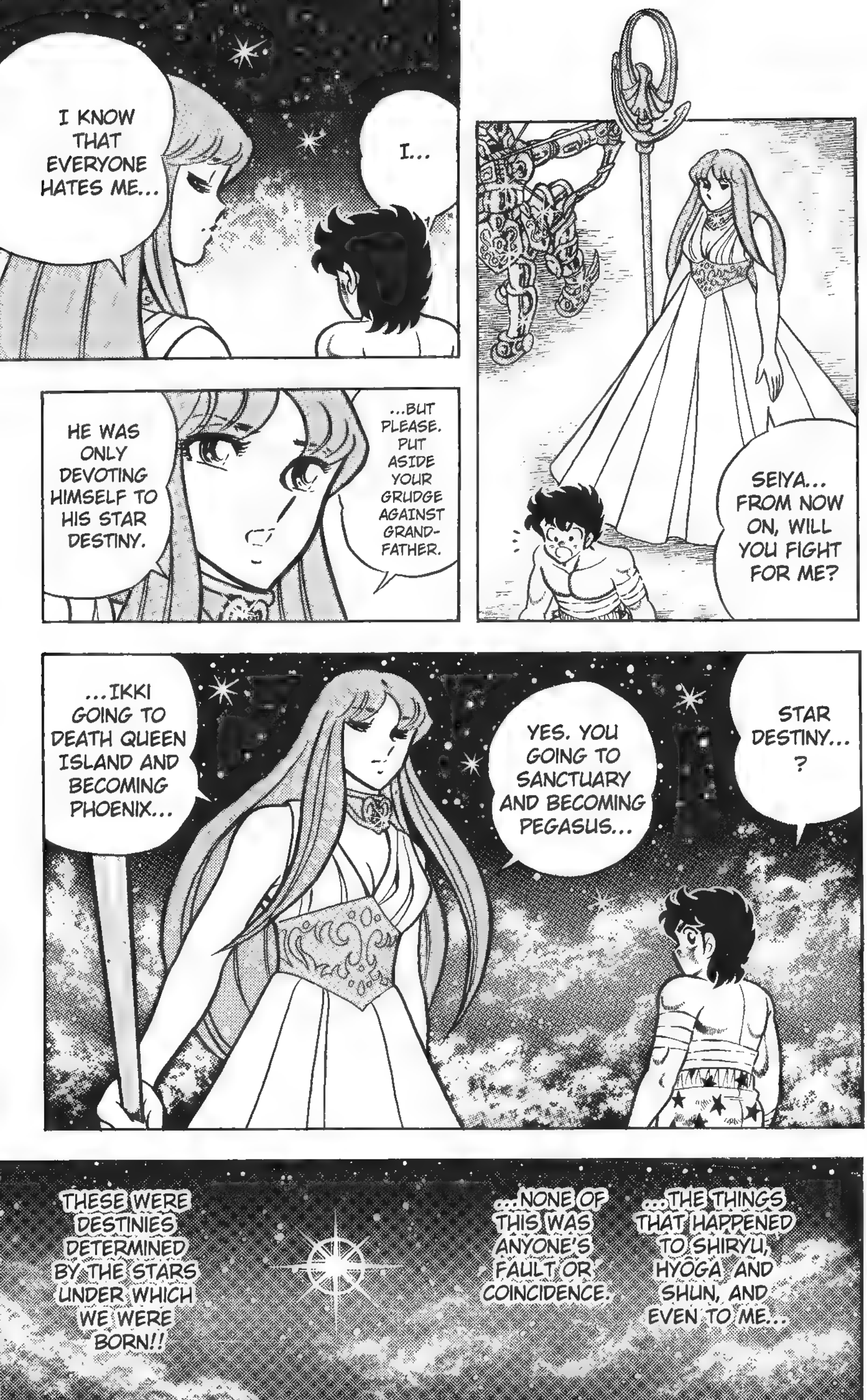
AIOROS, THE SAGITTARIUS KNIGHT...
BUT NOT BY YOU...! BY MY BROTHER.

BIG BROTHER... YOU WEREN'T A TRAITOR. EVEN BEYOND DEATH, YOU STILL FIGHT FOR JUSTICE...
AIOROS'S FLESH ROTTED TO DUST YEARS AGO, BUT HIS SOUL LIVES ON IN THE SAGITTARIUS CLOTH.
AND WHILE A NEW KNIGHT WORTHY TO WEAR IT MATURES, HE CONTINUES TO PROTECT ATHENA.
HUH?

THE SAGITTARIUS CLOTH REMOVED ITSELF FROM MY BODY...
...AND IS RE-ASSEMBLING !!
WHOOSH
SEIYA, I DON'T THINK THE GOLD CLOTH WAS REALLY ACKNOWLEDGING YOU AS ITS OWNER.
WHAT?
IT COVERED THE ONE WHO WAS TRYING TO PROTECT ATHENA.
IT PROTECTED YOU BECAUSE YOU FOUGHT ON THE SIDE OF JUSTICE.

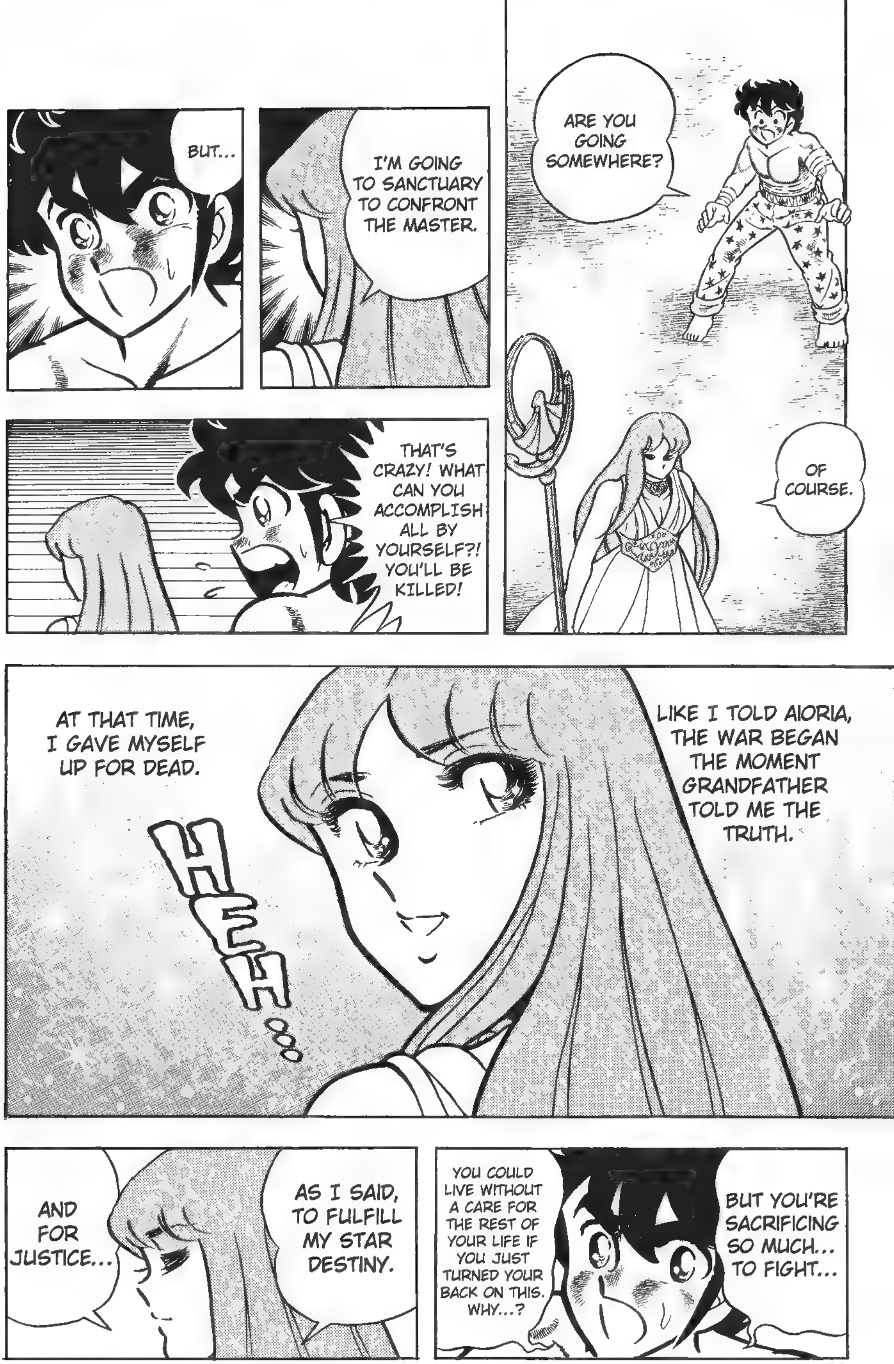
AH...
ATCHOO!
OKAY... AH... AH...
BRR, IT'S COLD.
HMM.. THERE WAS ANOTHER TIME--IN THE BATTLE WITH IKKI--WHEN THE GOLD CLOTH PROTECTED ME.
YES, BUT IF YOU WERE EVER TO FIGHT ON THE SIDE OF EVIL...
...THE GOLD CLOTH WOULD ENVELOP THE FLESH OF YOUR OPPONENT AND DESTROY YOU.
RE-MEMBER THAT, SEIYA!
KLANK
AIORIA...
ATHENA...
FORGIVE ME FOR RAISING MY FIST AGAINST YOU.

AIORIA!!
I SWEAR TO ATONE FOR THIS WITH MY LIFE.
YOU MUST NOT DIE, AIORIA!
KLANK
YES...
MANY BATTLES LIE AHEAD. YOUR STRENGTH WILL BE NEEDED.
SO YOU CAN'T DIE. UNDER-STAND?

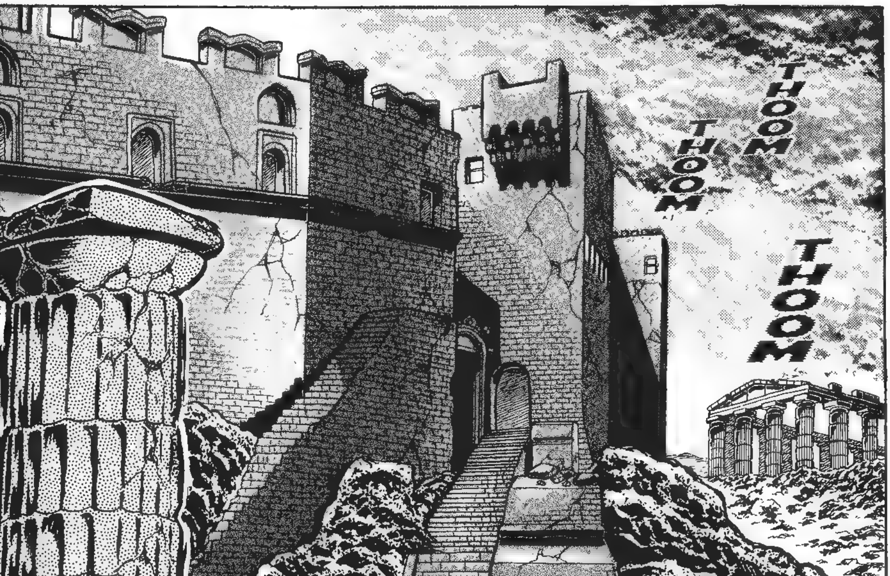

SEIYA... FROM NOW ON, WILL YOU FIGHT FOR ME?
I...
I KNOW THAT EVERYONE HATES ME...
...BUT PLEASE. PUT ASIDE YOUR GRUDGE AGAINST GRAND-FATHER.
HE WAS ONLY DEVOTING HIMSELF TO HIS STAR DESTINY.
STAR DESTINY...?
YES. YOU GOING TO SANCTUARY AND BECOMING PEGASUS...
...IKKI GOING TO DEATH QUEEN ISLAND AND BECOMING PHOENIX...
...THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED TO SHIRYU, HYOGA AND SHUN, AND EVEN TO ME...
...NONE OF THIS WAS ANYONE'S FAULT OR COINCIDENCE.
THESE WERE DESTINIES DETERMINED BY THE STARS UNDER WHICH WE WERE BORN!!

RMMB RMMB RMMB
I'M ALREADY AN OLD MAN WITH ONLY A FEW YEARS LEFT. TO ASK ME TO PROTECT THIS CHILD, TO DEFEND JUSTICE... WHAT DO YOU EXPECT OF ME?
OH, GOD, WHY HAVE YOU ENTRUSTED THIS CHILD AND THE GOLD CLOTH TO ME? WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE ME DO?
ARE YOU ASKING ME, LIKE ABRAHAM IN THE OLD TESTAMENT...
...TO SACRIFICE MY OWN CHILDREN?!
FWASH
GOD...
...DID YOU ENTRUST ATHENA TO ME KNOWING THAT I HAVE ALMOST 100 CHILDREN OF MY OWN?
DON'T...
DON'T TELL ME...

HOW DREADFUL ...
IF I DID SUCH A THING, MY OWN FLESH AND BLOOD WOULD DESPISE ME AS A MONSTER.. A-AND YET...
...AND YET, EVEN IN THE FACE OF THAT, THY WILL BE DONE!!
DEAR GOD!!
GRANDFATHER ACCEPTED HIS DESTINY, AND THE INEVITABLE STIGMA HE WOULD BEAR.
MOST OF HIS CHILDREN WERE PLACED IN INSTITUTIONS AS ORPHANS TO ISOLATE THEM FROM THE INFLUENCES OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD...
HE DIDN'T DO IT OUT OF CRUELTY OR SELFISH-NESS, AS ALL OF YOU BELIEVE.
I WON'T ASK YOU TO LOVE GRAND-FATHER ...
...BUT PLEASE STOP SAYING BAD THINGS ABOUT HIM. THAT'S MY LAST REQUEST.
WHAT? LAST REQUEST?


ARE YOU GOING SOMEWHERE?
OF COURSE.
I'M GOING TO SANCTUARY TO CONFRONT THE MASTER.
BUT...
THAT'S CRAZY! WHAT CAN YOU ACCOMPLISH ALL BY YOURSELF?! YOU'LL BE KILLED!
LIKE I TOLD AIORIA, THE WAR BEGAN THE MOMENT GRANDFATHER TOLD ME THE TRUTH.
AT THAT TIME, I GAVE MYSELF UP FOR DEAD.
HEH...
BUT YOU'RE SACRIFICING SO MUCH... TO FIGHT...
YOU COULD LIVE WITHOUT A CARE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE IF YOU JUST TURNED YOUR BACK ON THIS. WHY...?
AS I SAID, TO FULFILL MY STAR DESTINY.
AND FOR JUSTICE...

SOME DAYS LATER AT SANCTUARY...



LORD AIORIA, WHERE ARE YOU GOING? THAT WAY LEADS TO THE MASTER'S CHAMBER!
IF YOU ENTER WITHOUT PERMISSION, YOU'LL BE PUNISHED!
OUT OF MY WAY!
SWAK
UGH!
WHAM
DOOOM

WHAT DO YOU WANT, AIORIA?
WHY DID YOU SLINK BACK HERE WITHOUT HAVING FULFILLED MY COMMANDS?
I WANT AN AUDIENCE WITH ATHENA.
NONSENSE. ATHENA MEETS WITH NO ONE.
I AM HER AGENT IN ALL MATTERS, AS YOU WELL KNOW...
I INTEND TO SEE HER, EVEN IF I HAVE TO GO THROUGH YOU!
YOU'VE LOST YOUR MIND, AIORIA.
YOU SHAMELESSLY RETURN WITHOUT THE HEADS OF THE BRONZES OR THE GOLD CLOTH, THEN YOU MAKE DEMANDS AND THREATEN ME?
YOU ARE INDEED THE BROTHER OF THE TRAITOR AIOROS!
HIS TAINTED BLOOD POLLUTES YOUR VEINS. NOW YOU BARE YOUR FANGS AT ATHENA AS HE DID!

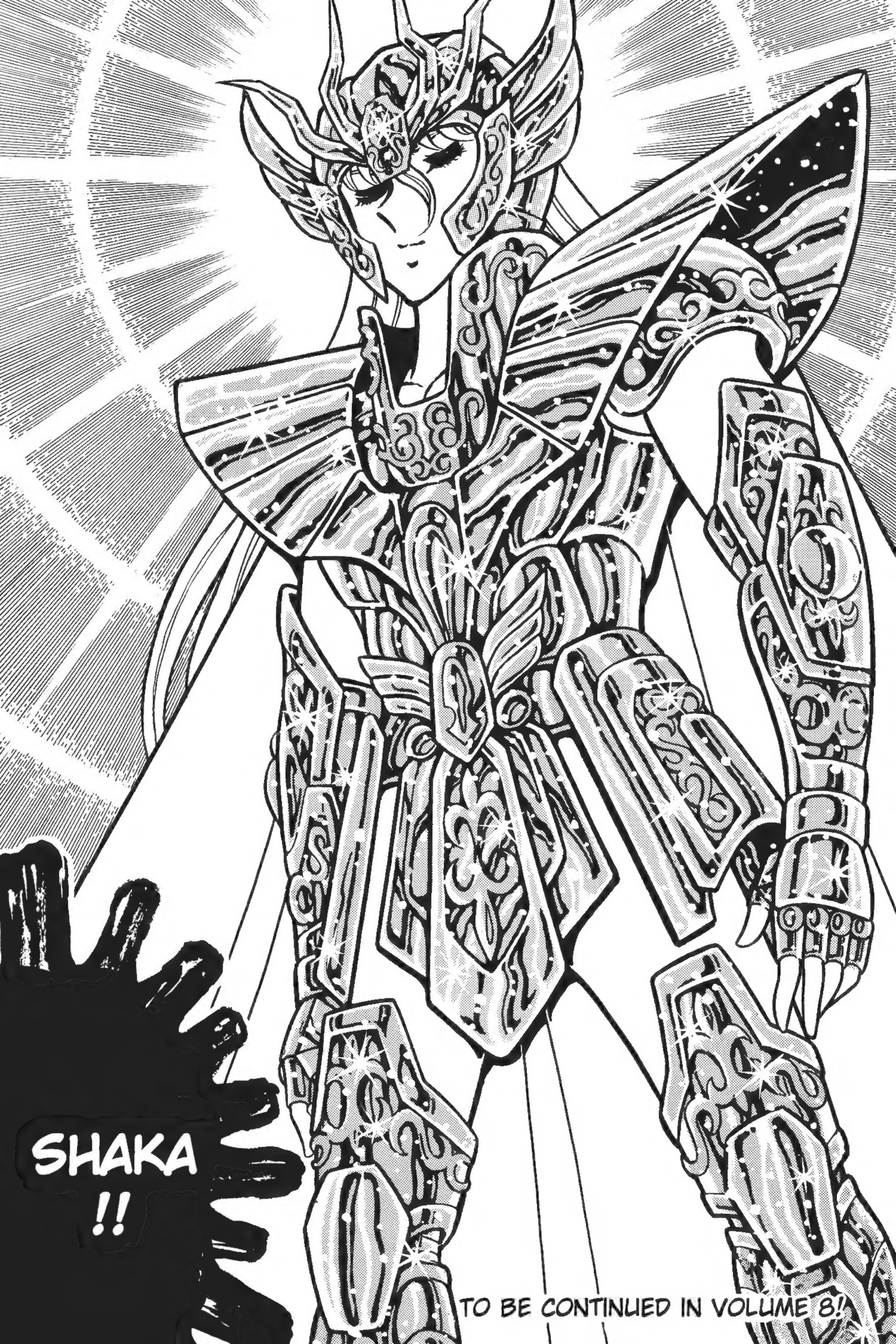
SILENCE, MASTER! YOU ARE THE TRAITOR HERE!
ATHENA ISN'T IN THAT SHRINE BEHIND YOU!
YOU'VE ALWAYS SAID SHE WAS, BUT SHE'S BEEN GONE FROM SANCTUARY FOR 13 YEARS!
HEH HEH HEH HEH...
HEH...
THIRTEEN YEARS AGO, MY BROTHER STOPPED YOU FROM MURDERING HER AND TOOK HER AWAY. SHE ENDED UP IN JAPAN!!

SO, AIORIA, YOU'VE LEARNED THE TRUTH.
THEN I CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO LIVE. AS ONE WHO HAS BARED HIS FANGS AT ATHENA...
...I'LL SEE TO YOUR EXECUTION PERSONALLY!
WHAT? THE MASTER'S HAIR IS CHANGING COLOR...
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
DIE, AIORIA !!

KRASH
UNH!
SUCH UN-BELIEV-ABLE SPEED...
I... I COULDN'T SEE THE MASTER'S ATTACK...
UGH!
WHOOOOM
GOODBYE, AIORIA!
KROOSH

FLASH
WOOSH
YOU WERE IN EARNEST, EH, AIORIA?
YOU REALLY MEAN TO DEFEAT ME!
NOW THAT I KNOW THE TRUTH, I HAVE TO STOP YOU.
BEWARE, MASTER !!
THE POWER OF OUR LIGHT-SPEED BLOWS COLLIDED IN MID-AIR.
THEY'RE CREATING A VORTEX!

STOP, AIORIA.
DON'T YOU REALIZE WHO YOU'RE ATTACKING?
HAH!
WHO?
KLANK
IT'S THE GOLD...
...VIRGO KNIGHT!
THE MASTER NEED NOT BOTHER TO PASS JUDGE-MENT ON YOU--I WILL EXACT THE HEAVENLY RETRIBUTION MYSELF.
RAISING YOUR FIST AGAINST THE MASTER IS THE SAME AS TREASON AGAINST ATHENA.


SHAKA
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